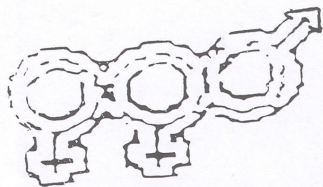
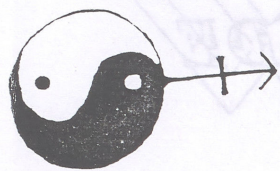
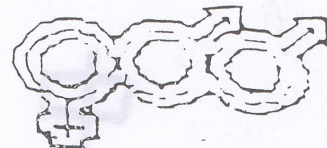


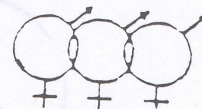
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BIPHOBIA

Rearing it's ugly head in Sydney again!!
Pack it in

We must not allow such blatant hatred to go unchallenged.
Write to the Sydney Star Observer's letters column.
I thought the original concept of gay back in the
Bisexual men and women, transsexuals and drag queens.

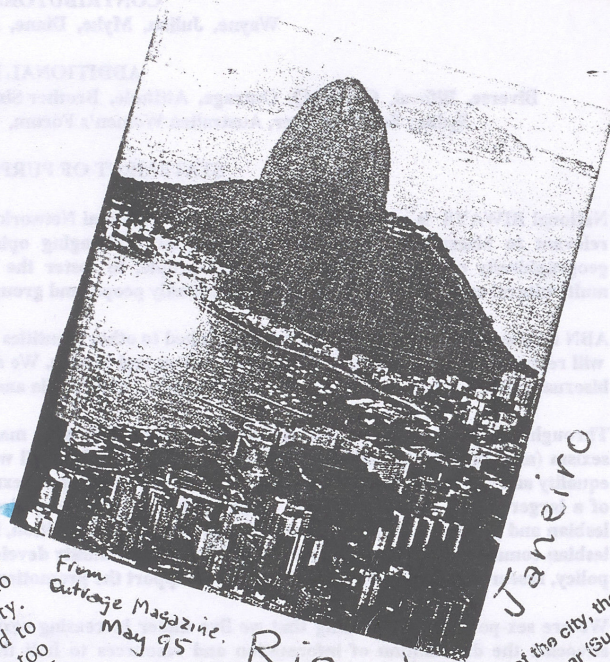
It angered me to read the letter by Rosanne Bersten in SSO 261. She pleaded acceptance for bisexuals within our homosexual community. She even wanted to share with us her coming to grips with her sexuality — more than just experimentation she claimed.

Rosanne, I don't really care what your sexual preference is — dogs, cats, cows or pigs. Bisexuals have no place in our community or society. The gay movement has succeeded to date by directional decisions. You too must make a decision — what do I like more? Bisexuals have no honesty. They are impossible to forge long term relationships with and hide behind their insecurities. Sitting on the fence is way uncool.

Gays haven't sat on the fence. They have fought hard for everything they have achieved. Bisexuals change their colour to suit the climate.

Bisexuals include married men who pull up to public toilets with a baby seat in the back of their cars "just going down to the shop for some milk, honey". When and if our movements starts incorporating bisexual into our classification, I will pack it in as an active homosexual. Mardi Gras is our event — gay and lesbian. Fashion casualty trend seekers have no place.

Phillip Meahard
From Sydney Star
Observer
1 June 95

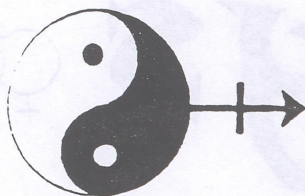


From
Outrage Magazine
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Rio de Janeiro

This general view of the city, the harbour and the Pão de Açúcar (Sugar Loaf) is taken from the base of the giant statue of Christ the Redeemer, the famous landmark which overlooks the city.





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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & PRINCIPLES

National BIWAYS is produced by the Australian Bisexual Network to inform its audience about social, political and personal issues relevant to bisexuality, to provide a forum for exchanging opinions and sharing experiences, to link up with and support geographically or socially isolated bisexual people, to foster the Bisexual Movement in Australia and to help build a diverse multicultural community of bisexual and bi-friendly people and groups in Australia.

ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that National BIWAYS will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the contents of this news magazine, we will endeavour to challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities, and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in existing gay and lesbian communities, in lesbian and gay politics, in community development and consultations, in sexual health and HIV/AIDS issues, policy, research and education. ABN does not support the promotion of pedophilia or organisations that promote it.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STDs and unwanted pregnancies. We supports the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of the individual to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We support healthy relationships between consenting adults. We acknowledge the right of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgemental counselling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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EDITORIAL

Greetings all, well here we are June again and half the year gone. Where does it go?

If you are reading National Biways for the first time welcome to YOUR news magazine, the only magazine style publication produced in Australia by bisexuals for the Bisexual Community. We at ABN hope that you will become regular readers by becoming members of the Australian Bisexual Network if you haven't already.

To our regular readers, if you have not yet joined ABN, then please do, as your membership helps ABN keep going and helps us help other bisexual women, men and the partners of bisexual people. If you are a member and your membership is up for renewal, we invite you to renew your membership for another year. Please be prompt in returning the renewal form and membership fee so that you don't miss out on your next issue of National Biways.

In late May and early June, the Bisexual Community Centre took possession of its new computer, printer, scanner and modem, thanks to a grant from the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund, the Queensland AIDS Council Inc. who are administering the grant on our behalf and Adrian of Computer Stuff whom worked out what we needed and got the best prices for us. We already have many of our records transferred on to the computer and backed up disks. The membership details were already computerised on the old computer given to us by Adrian. They will gradually be transferred over to the new computer. Members will now be notified with their last issue of National Biways that their membership renewal is now due or due before the next issue. As said above please renew promptly. We are organising insurance through Suncorp.

ABN and the Bisexual Centre need more people to volunteer a small amount of time on a regular basis. We need you to be reliable and responsible. We need genuine people who just want to help out to build a strong Network and Community Centre. Volunteers with typing/computer skills are required to do letters, flyers and our brochures as well as Biways. We need a number of bisexual women to organise the women's only times and events such as guest speakers, coffee nites etc. We need young bisexual guys and girls to organise events for our youth group and youth nite. A social director would be good to organise events at the Centre and elsewhere in the Brisbane metro area. Anyone with fundraising experience who feel they could apply those skills to helping the Network and Centre is especially welcome. **So if you can help in any way from typing to organising to fundraising to telephone answering then please call the Centre and leave your name and details or come along to the Centre on Wednesday, 19th July at 7pm.**

ABN's annual general meeting is set down for Sunday, August 27th at 2pm. All positions become vacant so we are calling for nominations for positions on both the Management Committee and the National Council. Nominations should be received by July 31st so that they may go out in the August/Sept. issue of Biways. See elsewhere in this issue for further details on positions. It is important to have a strong and effective MC to ensure the Network is taken seriously by government bodies and other organisations in the community. It is equally important to have a broad representation from across Australia on the NC to ensure ABN is seen as a national organisation representing the interests of bisexual people and partners throughout Australia.

CONFERENCING.

ABN was fortunate in late May to accidentally discover Melbourne was to play host to a national Sexuality and Youth Forum for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth. Some frantic telephone calls to people in Brisbane, Melbourne, Hobart and Adelaide were made to find out more about this Forum and endeavour to send two young bisexuals along to it. What emerged was that not one of the bisexual groups had been notified of this Forum, no out bisexuals were registered as participants and one of the presenters of a workshop on relationships was reported in the program as belonging to the Bisexual Network. ABN was able to secure funded fares to Melbourne for a young guy from Hobart and a young woman from Adelaide to represent bisexual youth issues at the Forum on behalf of ABN. Unfortunately only the Myke Dobber from Hobart was able to go to Melbourne for the Forum on June 9 & 10. We hope to bring you Myke's report in our next issue of Biways. A last minute attempt to send another bisexual woman, Sabina from Adelaide, to the Forum was unsuccessful as the discounted airfare period had passed. ABN must have input into such events of this nature but we need time to organise funding. The fact that ABN and other bisexual groups were not informed of this event makes it very difficult to secure funding for airfares etc from the various government and other bodies which usually require paper work to be submitted at least a month before hand.

While on about conferences, Wayne Roberts, me, leaves for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on June 16th to attend the ILGA 17th World Conference. ABN is a full member of the International Lesbian & Gay Association and therefore Wayne will have a vote on issues at the Conference affecting the constitution and structure of ILGA. The issue of pedophile groups will again

be on the agenda. ABN is opposed to groups that promote pedophilia and will not support motions to reinstate those groups expelled by ILGA following last years vote. Another item on the agenda will be Regionalisation. ABN supports regionalisation and participated in discussion on this topic as it relates to Australasia at a workshop last year in New York. ABN supports the establishment of a South Pacific Region separate from the proposed Asia Pacific Region. Wayne will run a workshop on June 21st on Bisexuality at the Conference and on June 23rd time has been allocated for a Bisexual Caucus where it is hoped to establish a Bisexual Information Pool within ILGA. All in all it should be an interesting conference and visit to Rio. From Rio I am flying to London via Buenos Aires. In the UK I will be speaking with members of the London Bisexual Group, staying in Wiltshire with our correspondent Julian and speaking to the Edinburgh Bisexual Group as their guest. I leave London on July 14th for Bangkok where I hope to meet with friends from the local group and discuss issues about bisexual visibility in Asia before arriving back in Brisbane on July 18th. No financial assistance has been received for this trip and it has been solely financed by me to further the Bisexual Movement internationally. Conference registration fee alone was US\$275. To allow ABN future ILGA membership and representation at ILGA events we have established a fund you can make donations to. This will only be used for future events and membership fees. Donations can be sent to "ABN-ILGA Fund", PO Box 490 Lutwyche QLD 4030. Bisexual groups and other organisations are invited to support this Fund.

In July two conferences will take place in Melbourne. The NOWSA (Network of Women Students in Australia) will hold its conference from July 3rd to 7th. Sabina Nowak, one of ABN's youth reps, will be attending. While she is not officially representing ABN at the Conference, she will be promoting and highlighting bisexual women's issues. Any other ABN members or members from regional bisexual groups and bisexual members of campus queer groups are encouraged to contact Sabina prior to the Conference or at the Conference to best concentrate the bisexual input at this Conference. Sabina can be contacted in Adelaide on 08-3525715. The other conference is for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and otherwise non-heterosexual students. Queer Collaborations '95 will be held in Melbourne from July 10th to 14th. Both Myke Dobber and Sabina Nowak will be at Queer Collaborations '95. Other bisexual students attending QC should contact Myke or Sabina to again concentrate the bisexual input at this conference. For information on QC'95 contact Cameron on 03-93444816 or Zora by e-mail at zora@muffin.pronet.com or write to QC'95, PO Box 2177, Fitzroy VIC 3065.

ABN has proposed Sabina Nowak to be our bisexual Australian youth representative at Manchester '95, the international gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth conference coordinated by the International Lesbian & Gay Youth Organisation. While we would ideally like to send male and female youth reps to the Conference, funding for overseas conferences is very limited. The Conference is from July 31st to August 6th in Manchester, England. ABN has applied for assistance from the Australian Youth Foundation to send Sabina to the Conference. Sabina proposes to facilitate or co-facilitate three workshops at the Conference. This would possibly be the first time an Australian queer person has registered to attend in the 12 years the conferences have been organised. Any financial support for Sabina's visit to the UK would be most welcome as only limited funding would be available to cover travel costs. Please send donations to ABN's "Manchester '95 Fund", PO Box 490, Lutwyche QLD 4030.

We encourage more bisexual young people to become involved with ABN and its youth arm, ABYF. You could be representing ABN/ABYF at a conference, forum or workshop somewhere in Australia or even overseas. Similar possibilities are open to other bisexual people especially women, Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders and people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

The following conferences may be of interest to bisexuals but whether ABN could send representatives to attend them is another matter.

August 11-14: 3rd Asian Lesbian Network Conference and the 1st ALN Constitution Conference, Taipei, Taiwan. Contact :- Viola Shyu, ALN - Taiwan, PO Box 7-760, Taipei 106, TAIWAN, ph/fax 886 2 391 3401 or e-mail rewolf@transcend.com.tw

August 12 - 16: 12th World Congress of Sexology, Yokohama, Japan. Contact OCCUR ph 81 3 33835556 or fax 81 3 32297880.

Sept. 4-5: 4th UN Conference on Women and Forum of Non Government Organisations, Beijing, China. Regional contact for Women's Conference - Asia and the Pacific Region: Anna Leah Sarabia, The Women's Media Circle, 151-A Mahiyain Street, Sikatuna Village, Quezon City 1101, Philippines ph 63 2 9244244 fax 63 2 9116239 or e-mail womedia@phil.gn.apc.org

Sept. 17 - 21: 3rd International Conference on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand. Contact: ph 66 2 9392239 fax 66 2 9392122 or e-mail oithri@chulkn.chula.ac.th

Sept. 29 - 30: International Conference on Emerging Asia/Australian Lesbian and Gay Communities, Sydney, Australia. Contact: Gerald Sullivan, Dept of Behavioural Sciences, Uni of Sydney, PO Box 70, Lidcombe, NSW 2041 ph (02) 6466588 fax (02) 6466540 or e-mail g.sullivan@cchs.su.edu.au or peter.jackson@anu.edu.au

NEWS

Bisexuality - the flavour of the month.

It seems that magazines are finding bisexuality a news worthy item again, with several of our popular magazines running articles on bisexuality or bisexual activity over May and June. Most of the articles in the straight press are about women. Those in the gay press are about men.

This should not be surprising to us seeing those straight magazines are focused towards women and the gay mags towards men. *Cosmopolitan* and *Cleo* both ran articles under the headline, "Straight Women Lesbian Affairs". It is interesting reading some of the stories of the women interviewed. While most identify themselves as straight, some do however identify now as bi. The important things in these two articles are the fact that the women accept their behaviour and this behaviour is portrayed in a positive way by the magazines. The article in *New Weekly* again focuses on women, Hollywood women. It seems many of Hollywood's actors and models are out and about with other women. Of course these women do not talk about their own experiences. It is the hot gossip set that are talking. Another straight magazine, *Harper's Bazaar*, has two articles in their June issue about bisexual women. These evidently portray bisexuality in a very positive manner. Australians will most likely have to wait until July or August before this magazine is available in newsagents here.

Australia gay magazine, *Outrage*, in an article on Rio's Mardi Gras, spoke of Brazilian men as predominantly bisexual. In the UK's gay focused magazine, *Attitude*, well known bisexual, Sue George, presents an interesting article on the resurgence of bisexuality in the '90s which examines gay men's attitudes to bisexuality as well as interviews with bisexual men. It finishes off the article with some interesting statistics.

The Gold Coast's *Weekend Bulletin* newspaper ran a story about the setting up of a new AIDS hotline for bisexual men on the Coast. While the paper may think it is doing a good piece about the risks to bisexual men and their partners of HIV

infection, one finds it hard to see the article or comments from AIDS Council worker, Robert McKenzie, as bisexually positive. You can decide for yourself on this article as we have reproduced it in this issue. We all need to ensure we practice safe sex with our casual partners and are honest to ourselves and our partners about what we do, to ensure we do not infect ourself or our partners and any unborn child we may have.

In a letter to the *Sydney Star Observer* of June 1st (see front page), Phillip Meahard spues his lack of tolerance and understanding of bisexual people involved in Sydney's gay and lesbian communities. All this in the International Year of Tolerance. Seems Mr Meahard has not heard about those bisexuals who have been out there fighting for the rights of all queer people, those who care for people with AIDS, those who give their time and money for the gay community and its organisations and those who are bashed, abused and kicked out of home because they are bisexual. Mr Meahard should look in his own backyard before he start name calling. Bisexuals are no more dishonest in their relationships than homosexuals or heterosexuals. Guess he hasn't spoken to the gay men who do the beats while their partners are at work, home or away or to those who are still closetted in straight society. Guess he doesn't know that bisexuality is as valid a sexuality as homosexuality or heterosexuality. Guess he doesn't know that some gay men fuck women and some lesbians fuck men because people like him do not allow bisexual identified people into his community and push them into a second closet. Well thanks Mr Meahard for your support of those bisexuals who want to show their pride in being out and a part of Sydney's "community". If you want to respond to Mr Meahard's letter, then here is the SSO address, PO Box 939 Daringhurst NSW 2010 or fax to (02) 3312118; international 61-2-3312118.

The articles or extracts of them, from the above magazines appear in this issue. We encourage you to purchase these magazines, have a read of the articles and where positive, let the magazine know it is a good story, where negative, complain.



From Attitude
Vol 1 No 10.
Feb. 1995.

Bisexuality may be enjoying a fashionable revival with the post-Queer gay community, but have we learnt to readjust our long-held views of bisexuals as gay men who are just 'sitting on the fence'?

the return of the

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text SUE GEORGE

IF YOU READ THE music press, then no doubt, like me, you would believe that there's a lot of bisexuality about these days. Ever-increasing numbers of pop stars are proclaiming the sexual delights of both men and women – at least in theory. A history of such statements have made us cynical; we have learnt to view them as a publicity-seeking ploy, as a means of cashing in on the gay vote, or as jumping on a trendy bandwagon. But what does this trendiness do for people who actually are bisexual?

Joe, for one, is heartily sick of bisexual pop stars. "I think they give bisexual people a bad name. Well, Richard Fairbrass is OK, maybe, but where do you draw the line between truth and self-promotion. Whenever I tell anyone I'm bisexual, they obviously have these people in the back of their mind. I don't want my sex-

uality glamorised." It's ironic, when to be described as bisexual is a 'slur', that people who describe themselves as bisexual are often disbelieved. When Peter Cunnah of D:Ream, for instance, said that he was bisexual, it called to mind previous confessions of Elton John: didn't he say he was bisexual for years, didn't he get married, but then turn out to be gay really, just as we always knew he was. Didn't David Bowie say the same and do the reverse: go straight?

So why should anyone try to extrapolate some kind of truth about sexuality from the pronouncements of pop stars, who, due to the nature of their careers, have to be self-promoting? This is the Nineties' version of an old phenomenon. Way back in the Seventies, when gay lib was new and AIDS still beyond our

history of bis in pop music

worst nightmares, bisexuality was trendy. At least, it got a lot of media coverage, some art students liked the idea and one or two pop stars seemed to be bisexual. Bisexual men were glamorous – at least, I thought so. Androgyny was sexy, and pop idols like David Bowie, Lou Reed and Marc Bolan turned us on with hints, or in Bowie's case bucketfuls, of the excitingly forbidden. Mainly, they were bisexual boys marketed for girls. But for both sexes, being into Bowie was a sign that, maybe, you weren't all that straight and narrow. Experimenting was good. Those were the early days of gay lib, too, when the idea was to free the homosexual inside everyone, when bisexuality was thought to be a normal part of the sexual future.

Some time in the late Seventies, all that changed. Nobody was bisexual anymore, and



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FORD, 28, ACADEMIC RESEARCHER

"I was aware I was attracted to men from the age of about nine, but I didn't come out until I went to university. I dropped out of university to live with a man, then spent a year taking drugs and having sex. But mainly, my relationship history is serial boyfriends. Over the last year, I have been having a relationship which is monogamous by default – except for the odd occasion!

A couple of years after I came out, I had a sexual relationship with a woman for a few months, which ended when she moved away. That wasn't a heartache for me, she just moved on. I did have casual sex with another woman too, and she became a good friend. Sex does sometimes happen with female friends with whom I'm not very close, but with whom I get on. I couldn't predict whether I would have a long-term relationship with a woman or not – it would depend on the person. I tend to be attracted to stereotypes of men but I'm very put off by pre-defined roles of men and women in sexual relationships. If there was a whiff of that I'd run a mile. I would like it to be easier to have sex with women: it's much easier to have sex with men.

Sex with women hasn't had an effect on my identity as gay, because early on I developed a political identity. My view is that gay men are oppressed; sex with women doesn't impinge on my identity as part of an oppressed group, or take away from what I experience when I'm with men. 'Bisexual' isn't an identity which is available to me. I think being gay is more threatening and – possibly for straight people – it is more easy to assimilate bisexuality. I've been pissed off by gay people when I've heard them condemning bisexuals, but I've argued theoretically, not personally. Publically, I identify as gay and other gay people are surprised when they find I've slept with women! Some of them are disbelieving, or want to know the details. But I don't broadcast my sexual life."

anyone who actually was, wasn't saying. The idea amongst the gay community was that anyone who had gay sex should be identifying as gay, out and proud. If they didn't, they were merely deluding themselves. Perhaps because popular perceptions of bisexuality had never gone beyond the trendy, it went the way of other trends – out of fashion. For the whole of the Eighties, bisexuality was scarcely an issue in the gay community.

But around 1990, this changed again, partly due to the demands of Queer (anything you like, as long as it's not vanilla), partly due to the hard truths of AIDS and partly due to the growing bisexual community. Bisexual celebrities were dying but the bi community was growing. Suddenly bisexuals were glamorous, queer and naff all at the same time.

So in the Nineties, what is the relationship between gay and bisexual men? In fact, it turns out to be quite complicated. What is immediately apparent is that there are plenty of bisexual men in the gay community: "You can be as anonymous as you want to be in a club," says Ian. "I've had no problems with sexual partners, but then it's not something that has been discussed. It's 'I want to sleep with you' not, 'I want to sleep with them, them, and them, and

Gay men on bisexuality:

"I don't understand it"

"To me, it's about settling down and getting married. Accepting what you're supposed to do. Doesn't interest me"

"Well, sometimes girls can be sexy"

"My boyfriend's bisexual, and I feel much more accepting of it now"

some of them are women'."

But the gay community's response to bisexuality is complex, often contradictory. The most considered is the political perspective: gay men are oppressed by a society which wants to destroy them and their relationships, and ought to be gaining strength through community – everyone who could join them should. They cannot see any specific problems for bisexuals not identifying as gay men.

"In my view," says Joe, "bisexual men are oppressed because they have same-sex relationships, and because bisexuality is seen as disgusting, perverse, AIDS-spreading."

But other men have personal reasons for



He three human's dies to a far from ideal love triangle: Alex Glendy Jackson, Daniel (Peter Fenn) and Bob (Vernon) Ings. Ten days of their lives are seen in 'SUNDAY BLOODY SUNDAY' a United Artists release

being wary of bisexuals. John, for instance, says: "I feel some sympathy for gay men who can't take bisexuals because – before I came out as bi – I was like that too. I'd had a very hard time coming out as gay when I was at school, so I had to stamp on any feelings I had about women, and I felt men who were bisexual

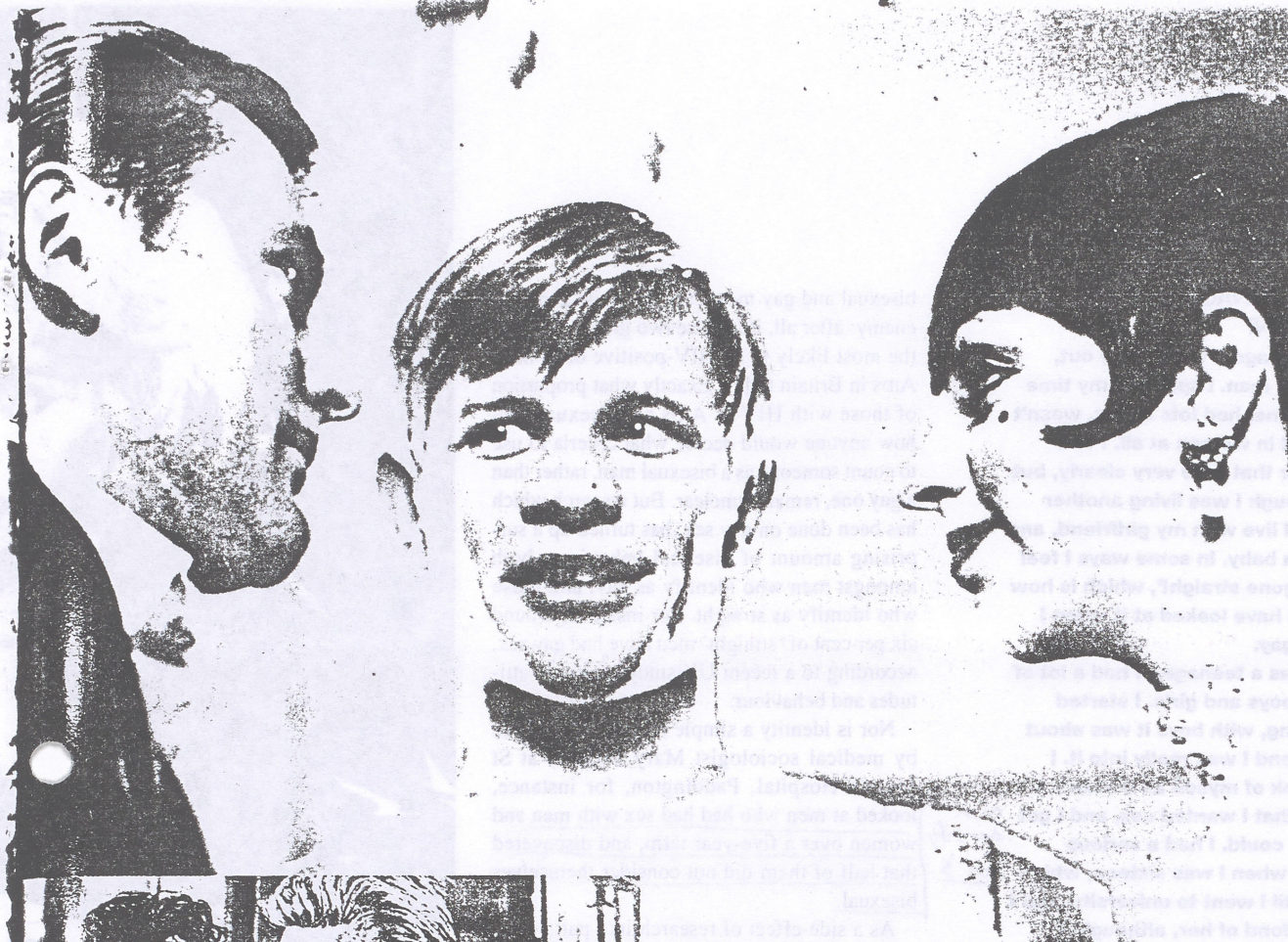
should be doing that too. Then when I realised that I was getting involved with a woman, it was really hard for me. Horrible."

Then there are the positively unpleasant reasons for not liking bisexual men – used by those for whom women remain 'fish':

"There are some gay men who can be terribly misogynistic," says Ian. "I don't like them, because they're so hostile to women, but they also feel that

I'm guilty by association. Anyone who has something to do with women outside of what is absolutely necessary must have something wrong with them."

Discussions of sexual identity over the past twenty years have meant that a gay identity is an increasingly possible and visible one and – provided that you live in a liberal, urban area – gay men can live a reasonably comfortable lifestyle. There can be good livings to be made inside the gay community, with a whole commercially-based culture centred around being gay. But that can be at a cost of conforming, of submitting to peer pressure from other gay men. For instance, when Paul Burston admitted



Bisexuality in popular film: subtle references in the ménage à trois of the Fifties and early Sixties - Jules et Jim (top left), Rebel Without A Cause (below), The Leather Boys (over page) - become more overt in the Seventies - Entertaining Mr Sloane (previous page), Sunday Bloody Sunday (left), Cabaret (left)



myself bisexual for quite a few years," says Jamie. "Now I feel I'm gay, because men are much more important to me. But that doesn't mean I don't look at women, or think about sleeping with them sometimes."

The advent of a queer movement a few years ago led to many rumours that lesbians and gay men were having sex with each other. In fact, the stronger one's gay identity, the more one felt able to have 'straight' sex without it troubling them. Chris, for instance, says: "When the whole queer thing was happening, I had sex with a dyke friend of mine. It was a laugh, but I didn't really get off on it. The queeriness of it was exciting, but the fact is that although she looked like a boy, she wasn't one." For some people, the dividing line is whether there is any potential emotional relationship: for lesbians and gay men, this would be ruled out. Of course, to other lesbians and gay men this is a nonsense: if you are having opposite-gender sex, you can't be gay.

How far lesbians and gay men actually slept together in practice, and how far it was rumour or bravado remains hard to work out. People become very coy when you try to pin them down. But one thing is clear - most 'out' lesbians and gay men who have slept with each other adamantly deny they are bisexual. To many, bisexuality is still a slur, a naff identity only espoused by people wearing rainbow-striped jumpers. Nothing to do with them.

But has queer simply come and gone, with only a few piercings to show for itself? On the

Gay men on a friend's admission of bisexuality: "That would depend on what I knew about how he'd been with men" "Well, I wouldn't like it. I would think part of him was too different from me and that he'd let me down" "Bye, bye" "One did. I didn't believe him. That was stupid of me, but I still find bisexuality hard to understand"

contrary, there is evidence that it has opened an area where lesbians, gay men and bisexuals can agree some kind of working territory. It has made things easier for people who want to have sex with both genders, because bisexuality is up for discussion again, just as all manner of sexual practices are being discussed with the emergence of AIDS.

That's the main reason that bisexuality has been different in the Nineties. AIDS has changed attitudes to bisexual and gay men amongst the heterosexual population. It has also given

in *Capital Gay* a few years ago that he found some of Della Grace's photos of lesbians attractive, he was pilloried. Why? He wasn't marrying these women, he was admiring a photograph.

For some men, a gay identity is still a tightly defined and rigid one, which doesn't allow for any lines to be strayed across. Their view is essentialist - either you are gay or straight - and they believe that people are always and completely one or the other. The only reason anyone would say they were bisexual would be because they couldn't take the pressure of being gay. There are still many people who want to fit in to gay life as it is, and will pigeon-hole themselves in order to do that. Others manage to negotiate with whatever part of their identity seems the most important: "I called

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essentialist or either/or?

9. denial of bisexuality

PAUL, 33, MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

"Ten years ago, I was a very out, active, gay man. I spent all my time on the scene, had lots of sex, wasn't interested in women at all. I can remember that time very clearly, but it's as though I was living another life. Now I live with my girlfriend, and we have a baby. In some ways I feel like I've 'gone straight', which is how we would have looked at it when I was just gay.

When I was a teenager, I had a lot of sex with boys and girls. I started quite young, with boys it was about thirteen, and I was really into it. I didn't think of myself as bisexual - it was just that I wanted sex, and I got it where I could. I had a serious girlfriend when I was sixteen, which lasted until I went to university, and I was very fond of her, although it didn't go deep.

When I went to university, I re-discovered sex with men and, naturally, I came out as gay. It was a very exciting time - pre-Aids - and I was always falling in love, not just having sex. My previous relationship felt like a delusion.

That kind of lifestyle lasted until about 1984, when I got a serious boyfriend. We lived together, and for three years it was wonderful - until he moved out and found someone else. During that time, I wasn't really interested in women. Every now and then, I'd look at someone - never a woman I knew - and get turned on. But it wasn't until I met my current girlfriend that I turned away from men. I was blown away by her when she came to work in my office - where I was out as gay of course. People at work were very confused when our relationship began; now I guess they've forgotten I was gay. That's very disorientating. I've talked with my girlfriend about the possibility of my having sex with men in the future. She is equivocal - because of Aids primarily, but also because she doesn't want me or her to ever sleep with anyone else. I love her very much - but sometimes I do miss men."

bisexual and gay men a very definite common enemy: after all, it is these two groups who are the most likely to be HIV-positive or to have Aids in Britain today. Exactly what proportion of those with HIV or Aids are bisexual, and how anyone would decide what criteria to use to count someone as a bisexual man, rather than a gay one, remains unclear. But research which has been done on gay sex, has turned up a surprising amount of bisexual behaviour, both amongst men who identify as gay, and those who identify as straight. For instance, around six per cent of 'straight' men have had gay sex, according to a recent UK study of sexual attitudes and behaviour.

Nor is identity a simple matter. Work done by medical sociologist Mary Boulton at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, for instance, looked at men who had had sex with men and women over a five-year term, and discovered that half of them did not consider themselves bisexual.

As a side-effect of research into patterns of HIV transmission, academics have been investigating different patterns of homosexuality and bisexuality in various cultures. The definite sexual identities which exist in Britain, north America and northern Europe operate somewhat differently in other parts of the world. For instance, in some Latin countries, and in parts of north Africa, men having gay sex are divided categorically into passive and active partners. Active partners remain 'men', and therefore not homosexual. They may have sex with men or women without seeing it as disturbing their masculinity in any way. However, passive partners are seen as homosexual and feminine, and are subject to similar sorts of oppression and lack of status as gay men elsewhere.

Gay men on sleeping with women:

"Why, are you offering?"

"I have done in the past, but I didn't like it much"

"I don't want to, and I never have, but I can't really tell what I might want to do in the future"

But while western notions of gay identity are not necessarily appropriate for other cultures, many are finding that gay communities based on a more westernised model do appear - which then have a more western view about bisexuality. Hopefully, they will also learn from the mistakes western countries have made: some countries, such as those in southern Europe, welcome anyone who has same-



gender sex in their gay organisations. They understand that gay and bisexual people are wanting or suffering the same kind of things, and so should be working together.

In the UK, north America, and northern Europe, however, bisexual people have, by and large, opted out of the gay community and formed a bisexual one. "The bisexual community is home for me," says Ian. "Most of people who stick with it tend to be a very wonderful bunch of people. My relationships have been with other bisexuals, because I have been in the community for a long time."

Bisexual politics have also, so far, avoided the acrimony which has been part of many lesbian and gay organisations. But that's not to say that everyone likes that kind of cosiness: "I can't relate to the label 'bisexual'," says Peter. "It's far too hippy, apolitical. I went to a bisexual conference once, and it was full of people wearing tie-dye. If you went on the gay scene looking like that, men would laugh at you." However, Peter does pursue sex with men and women. "Of course I am bisexual, in the sense that I'm into both sexes. But I wouldn't go to the bisexual scene to get them."

The bisexuality of the Nineties differs from the bisexuality of the Seventies in that it's more

Photographs: Ronald Grant

10. S. Europe - welcome all s/sex lovers to groups



10 INTERESTING STATISTICS

- 60% of gay men in the UK have had sex with a woman at least once
- 12% of gay men have had sex with a woman in the past year
- 52% of self-identified bisexual men have had sex with both men and women in the past six months
- 38% of bisexual men feel their relationships with gay men have improved, due to the Aids epidemic
- In 1984, there were 3 bisexual groups in the UK
- In 1994, there are around 26, not including mixed lesbian, gay and bisexual groups
- In the US, 28% of bisexual men attend Pride marches
- In San Francisco 16% of single men identify as bisexual
- In Denmark, 28% of men who have sex with men and women called themselves bisexual
- In Mexico, 25% of gay men have had sex with a woman in the past year

(Sources: Project Sigma, *Bisexuality and HIV/Aids* by Rob Tielman et al, *Dual Attraction* by Martin Weinberg et al, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Gay and Lesbian Statistics*, BiFrost)

90s bisxy more theorised, less hedonistic. Like the gay community, the younger and smaller bisexual community protects those inside it, but many people are still outside. The stereotypical cottaging married man, for instance, who wants to keep both sides of his life apart, won't have the benefit of groups, bars, conferences, or others like himself. But simply condemning him for 'wanting it all' is to misunderstand human motivation. Everyone wants it all – or as much as they can get away with.

But is forming another sexual community a positive step? "Bisexuals should be part of the mixed gay community," says Richard. "We all need each other." But this is easier said than done, when many bisexuals have found that they were not particularly welcome in gay groups. "They treated me as though I was weird somehow," said Joe. "This is ironic, considering that I had been a gay activist for a long, long time before I came out as bisexual. But I will say that it's much better now. There is more recognition that we're all together on this."

Now that there is an increased realisation that sexuality is far more complicated than previously believed, that some people change identity and behaviour while others don't, that concessions can be made to gay people while the bedrock of oppression remains the same, there is one question which needs to be asked. And that question is not 'is it easier to be gay or

bisexual?' because, really, who can ever answer for anyone except themselves. Instead, the question has to be: there is a situation where, gay or bisexual, we are not able to be ourselves without struggle – so what are we going to do about it? ■

MIKE, 25, HIV PREVENTION WORKER

"I lost my virginity at seventeen to a woman, and at that time I saw myself as feminine, but I found women attractive. People used to say to me 'Are you gay?' but it wasn't something I considered. All my earlier relationships were with women, and soon I started to have the relationship that I'm still having now. We both recognised that I fancied the masculine in her, as she fancied the feminine in me. When I was twenty-one, I went back home to see my old teachers, and I had sex with one in his bathroom while his wife was downstairs. I didn't consider myself bisexual at that point. But I came to London and started to go on the gay scene. Both my girlfriend and I started to identify as bisexual, and we supported each other, but it was very difficult for people to recognise that I was bisexual because I was in this relationship with her. not recog. biness.

Then about two years ago, our relationship became open, and I got involved with a man. He had been involved with men who had a female partner before, so that wasn't a problem, but sexually it wasn't totally successful. Then I got off with a man at the World Aids Conference, which made me more confident about my sexuality. Now, though, my relationship with my girlfriend has closed again, because we needed some stability.

Recently, I have identified myself more strongly within the bisexual community, but I also clearly identify as queer. That identity came about through being in the lesbian, gay (and now bisexual) centre where I work. My colleagues realised early on that, for me to work effectively, they would have to accept me and include me without reservation, and that has been a liberating experience."

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Coast to get AIDS hotline for bisexuals

Weekend Bulletin
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AN AIDS help hotline for bisexual men is to be set up following a flood of calls to the Queensland AIDS Council's Gold Coast office in the past few weeks.

The hotline would offer information for an 'anonymous culture' of 'straight' men who had unprotected sex with other men, said Queensland AIDS Council education officer Robert McKenzie.

He said in the past few weeks many of these men had 'come out' and phoned the Gold Coast QAC office with calls for information on safe sex and they were just the 'tip of the iceberg'.

Mr McKenzie said the calls followed a Bulletin report late last month in which Mr McKenzie pinpointed a 'widespread' culture of Gold Coast men, who often had wives or girlfriends, having casual sex with other men in parks, streets and toilet blocks.

Because they thought AIDS was a 'gay disease' and did not identify themselves as 'gay', they



VEIVERS: Frightening

often did not wear a condom, although HIV was more easily transmitted between men than from men to women.

Health workers said some of these men already had HIV and were putting their female partners at high risk.

Mr McKenzie said the AIDS Council's previous attempts to send workers to the meeting places to offer safe sex advice were largely unsuccessful, with the bisexual men preferring to stay anonymous.

"These men rarely contact the office and identify themselves, but in the last couple of weeks we have had many calls from these men and their relatives and friends who, after reading the article, were concerned about the

risks they were taking.

"Some people wanted an AIDS test so we gave them a referral to the Miami Sexual Health Clinic," he said.

Mr McKenzie said he expected many more bisexual men to come forward after summoning the courage to do so.

"We've been getting a lot of hang-up calls — often someone will call a many times and hang up before finally talking to one of our staff," he said.

Mr McKenzie said the hotline would be set up in the next few weeks and would be advertised.

The hotline would offer safe sex information and referral for HIV testing and counselling.

Southport MP Mick Veivers said he was disturbed that bisexual men were having unprotected 'associations' with other men, then coming home to their wives.

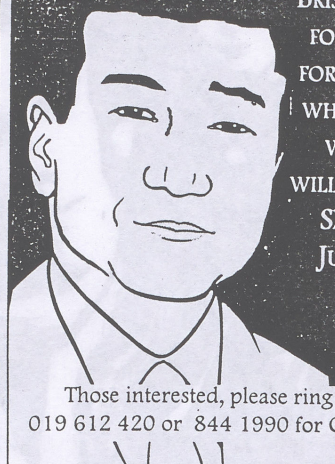
"That's not only dangerous but very frightening," he said.

Mr Veivers said he supported a hotline, but those fielding the calls should not be just social workers but qualified psychologists.

Are you Asian?

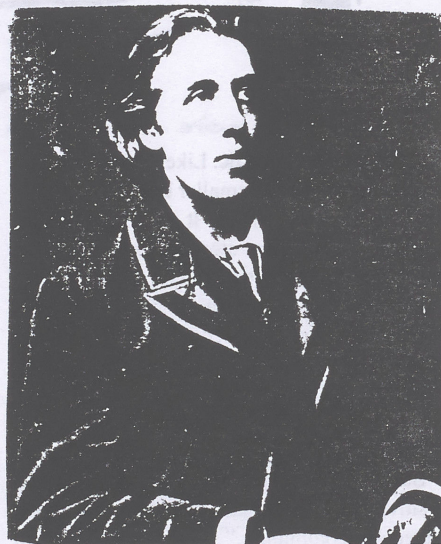
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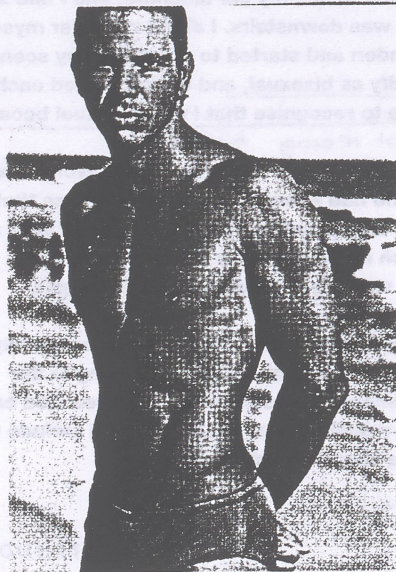
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Further, Wilde may help us to open up scarcely-explored perspectives. Consider: this infamous homosexual had two children. He married in 1884, his first homosexual experience was in 1886, he fell in love with Alfred Douglas in 1891, and his involvements with lower-class young men followed upon that. He was extremely distressed that his conviction ended his family life. In other words, he might best be regarded as a bisexual. Now, when bisexual men and women are claiming to be heard in their own right, Wilde's history may give food for thought.

Alan Sinfield's *The Wilde Century* is published by Cassell at £12.99

From *AHitude*
Feb 95.



This is Gilleen, who is a Brazilian soap opera actor and a model who has worked with Jean-Paul Gaultier. I didn't know he was famous when I met him. I met him on the beach, which is where you meet everyone in Rio. I was just walking on the beach with my camera and he came up and started talking to me. His first question was "Are you a photographer?" He told me he was married, and his wife was very jealous of him, with men and women. Later he told me he was bisexual. Sexual identity is a very slippery thing in Brazil. No-one is gay, but everyone does it.

From *Outrage Magazine*
May 95

Boys are *really* on the side thanks to the latest sex trend in hip, young Hollywood THEY LIKE IT BOTH WAYS

From Now Weekly June 95



There's a wild new rebellion sweeping in g Hollywood's young crowd — the drugs and rock-'n'-roll are still the same but the sex is decidedly different. These days, no-one's straight, no-one's gay. The hippest trend is to make love with the cutest person you can lay your hands on, male or female.

Hollywood bad girl Shannen Doherty is leading the tumble into "omni-sexuality", closely followed by fellow actors Drew Barrymore and Bridget Fonda, Sony and Cher offspring Chastity Bono, models Rachel Williams, Ingrid Casares and Kieta. *Playboy* playmate Rebekka Armstrong, and singer Sophie B. Hawkins.

Even Kurt Cobain's widow, Courtney Love, has introduced beautiful Amanda de Cadenet as her new girlfriend. The list of sexy "swingers" goes on — but legal concerns prevent full publication of just who is doing what with whom.

But Shannen Doherty's the hottest and wildest of the lot, according to ex-Motley Crue member Vince Neil, who was amazed by Shannen's unquenchable lust for him — and beautiful girls.

"We went out for a few months before she married Ashley Hamilton and I think she decided to end her single days with a bang," says Vince.

"One night, she insisted we go to The Body Shop strip joint on Sunset Boulevard." Word soon got around the pair were looking for "some action".

"Shannen honed in on this incredibly attractive blonde in a black Lycra mini dress. Soon they were kissing and I noticed Shannen's hands all over this girl's legs," says Vince. He booked a suite at a nearby hotel and the three were soon in the bedroom. "Shannen and



the blonde had hardly got any of their clothes off before they started writhing on the bed."

Vince says he was overcome by the scene and watched for a little while before Shannen asked him to join them.

"It was one of the sexiest nights I've ever had. Shannen and the girl even made love when they thought I was asleep. When the girl left Shannen wanted to make love with me again. It was as if she felt she had to make love with a girl and a boy before she was satisfied."

He says Shannen harassed him about asking one of his girlfriends to join in a ménage à trois over the following months. She was particularly obsessed with Pamela Anderson, who Vince had previously dated.

"Shannen always picked blondes with long legs and big bosoms," he reveals. But Pamela wasn't interested. "Most young women in Hollywood seem to be bisexual, but Pamela isn't one of them."

Wild child Drew Barrymore also claims to like girls. In 1991, she bragged that the new love of her life was a girl called Lula, and that they were like "an old married couple". Since declaring her love for Lula, she has dated *90210* star Jamie Walters, married and divorced bar owner Jeremy Thomas and is now involved with guitarist Eric Erlandson, who plays in Courtney Love's band Hole.

She played a bisexual girl in the 1992 film *Poison Ivy*, when she kissed well-known lesbian, *Roseanne* star Sara Gilbert.

"Sara and I are both, um, adventurous girls," she laughed at the time. "The director was really afraid to ask us to kiss, but I said 'so what. Lots of girls kiss each other'. It was a full-tongue, major kiss. We watched ourselves on the monitor and said, 'Oh my god, that's hot!' Two women kissing is the ultimate fantasy."

The world of modelling is also full of girls who like it both ways. A top Sydney agent says one of his models was shocked when she was casually propositioned by a famous supermodel at the star's LA house — in front of other guests. "She couldn't believe it," he says. "It was as if the invitation to have sex was not unusual."

Stunning US lesbian model Kieta agrees that "open" sexuality is just part of the world of the rich and beautiful. "When I joined Elite [modelling agency] eight years ago, there was this beautiful girl with really short hair and a butch image. She looked really cute." The girl is now a very famous supermodel.

"It's no big deal in the modelling world. Most of the girls have experimented with bisexuality," says Kieta. "I think there are a lot of lesbians in modelling because this business tends to attract free-thinking, artistic people. Our industry is about bodies, so it's only natural that people like us are going to be more in touch with our sexuality than someone in a more conservative job." ■



Wild Drew Barrymore, left, plays with bosom buddy Rachel Hunt.

Linda Evangelista with Naomi Campbell, top left. Below left: Ashley Richardson, gay model Rachel Williams and Cindy Crawford. Below: Vince enjoyed a threesome with sexy Shannen.



Shannen Doherty lusts after men and women.

From Cleo July 95



straight women

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It's
a common fantasy. You're happily heterosexual but you've always wondered what it would be like to sleep with a woman. Now, a growing number of straight women are making this fantasy real. What was once taboo has become socially acceptable – even desirable. Claudia Schiffer, Nadja Auermann, Stephanie Seymour and other supermodels are posing together in suggestive advertising. Gay and bisexual actresses, models and singers are becoming mainstream icons. In fact, it's virtually a sexual trend. But would you do it? Mia Freedman spoke to three straight women who tell what it's like to have a lesbian affair.

Naomi is a 23-year-old marketing assistant. Two years ago she ended up having a one-night stand with a gay friend.

"I was out to dinner with a friend from work and another friend of hers, Louisa. I'd met Louisa a few times before so I knew she was a lesbian but I'd never given it much thought. The three of us went to a Japanese restaurant and drank lots of sake. After dinner we went somewhere else for coffee.

"I gradually became aware that Louisa was coming on to me and, oddly enough, it didn't bother me at all. We went on to a nightclub and, soon after we arrived, I said I had to go to the bathroom. Louisa followed me and, as we walked down the stairs together, she gently pushed me against the wall and

started kissing me. I'd never kissed a girl before and found it a massive turn-on, especially after all that flirting. At that point, I remember thinking two things: 'I hope no-one sees me' and 'I'm about to fulfill one of my sexual fantasies'.

"The kissing was totally different to kissing a guy. It just felt so naughty and forbidden. I expected it to be really soft and gentle but she was quite forceful with me. In a funny way, I liked that because, although I was curious, I would never have had the courage to initiate it. When she finally said, 'I'm going home, wanna come?' I said yes straight away before I could change my mind.

"We got into the back seat of a cab and kissed all the way to her place. Who knows what the taxi driver thought – I guess he'd probably seen worse things. When we got to Louisa's house I could not believe how passionate she was. She threw me down on the couch and kissed me on the mouth, face and neck and unbuttoned my shirt.

"Then we went into the bedroom and she slowly undressed me without taking her eyes off my body for a second. I've never experienced a seduction like that, it was just like a scene out of an Anaïs Nin novel. She quickly took her own clothes off and we fell onto the bed, totally naked.

"I'd often fantasised about what it would be like to have another woman give me oral sex and was excited it was about to happen. She pulled me over the edge of the bed and went down on me and I came straight away. But the second after I came, and the sexual tension was released, I felt sick. I thought, 'What am I doing? I have to get out of here.'

"The last thing I wanted to do was go down on her and I couldn't bear the thought of lying there in the after-glow. I touched her a bit and we kissed for a little longer but I had this overwhelming

desire to get a long way away from the whole situation. I was out the door within 10 minutes of having an orgasm.

"Looking back, it was just like when you have a one-night stand with some bastard guy, except I was the guy. I've been in the position where a guy has wanted to leave straight afterwards and I know it doesn't feel fabulous to be left lying there, frustrated, on damp sheets.

"Luckily, Louisa had only split from her girlfriend temporarily so she wasn't looking for anything more than a casual fling. We've seen each other quite a few times since that night – at first I felt a bit awkward but I quickly got over it and we've even joked about our little interlude. I don't think I'd sleep with a woman again. Fantasies are great because you can switch them off at any time, you don't have a living, breathing, horny body beside you to deal with after you come. The nausea I felt after sex with Louisa told me that lesbianism is, for me, better left to my imagination."

Christina is 26 years old. Although she has had several lesbian affairs, she still considers herself to be heterosexual.

"My boyfriend Simon and I had been together for two years when he first suggested we take home another girl for a threesome. My first reaction was 'No way', but it got me thinking. I'd had gay fantasies before and I certainly enjoyed checking out other women's bodies; I just didn't know whether I could actually go through with it.

"After suggesting it the first time, Simon wouldn't give up, insisting it would heat up our sex life. I was still hesitant but I was so in love with him that I was willing to give it a try.

"About a month later, we were at a big party and an attractive blonde was flirting outrageously with him. I chose to let it go because I'm not a particularly

affairs

quickly took her clothes off and we fell onto the bed, totally naked

jealous person. At the end of the night Simon introduced me to Miranda and asked if he could bring her home with us for a threesome. I didn't want to disappoint him and I wanted him to see me as a free-thinking, spontaneous person, so I agreed.

"When we got back to our flat, Simon went into the kitchen to make coffee and Miranda and I started chatting. We knew a few people in common and shared a similar sense of humour, so by the time Simon joined us we were pretty relaxed.

"After a few minutes, Simon just came right out and said, 'So why don't you two kiss?' We both giggled nervously and my mind started racing. Would she be wearing nicer underwear than me? Would her body be better? Would she smell 'down there'? All these thoughts went through my brain as she began to kiss me.

"I couldn't believe how soft her skin was, it was incredible. Simon had a goatee so I was used to a rough texture but Miranda's lips seemed to melt with mine.

"While Simon watched, we quickly slipped out of our clothes and began stroking each other all over. She kissed her way down my body until her head was between my legs and then proceeded to give me the best oral sex I'd ever had. I can't remember how many times I came that night. It was just one long series of orgasms and erotic sensations as the three of us had sex for what seemed like hours.

"The next day I was surprised at my complete lack of guilt or confusion about

sleeping with a woman. The fact that Simon had been part of the experience gave it a kind of heterosexual credibility — like it was just a kinky extension of our normal sex life. Over the next year, we had several more threesomes and I never once considered that I might be gay.

"After we broke up, however, I went through a lot of mental anguish about my own sexuality. I couldn't pretend that I hadn't enjoyed sleeping with girls but I'd never done it without Simon being there and taking an active role. If I slept with another woman on my own, would that make me a lesbian?

"I knew of a nightclub in the city where there was a girls-only lesbian night on Sundays, so about three months after Simon and I split up, I went there alone with the sole intention of finding a woman to have sex with.

"I'd only been at the bar for a couple of minutes when a really cute girl with long, dark hair came up to me and started a conversation. Amy was a 26-year-old actress and after we'd had a few more drinks, she asked me if I wanted to go back to her place. Before I knew it we were out the door and in a taxi.

"Sex with Amy was definitely different for me. For a start, I didn't feel like I was part of some elaborate sexual performance; it was just the two of us alone in bed together. Perhaps the thought that I might be gay made me too uncomfortable or maybe there wasn't the right chemistry

between us — whatever the reason, I just couldn't seem to get into the whole experience with this beautiful girl.

"Kissing, caressing and oral sex were fine but it came to the point where I was really hanging out for a penis. Not a cold, plastic dildo or vibrator, but the real thing.

"Amy must have sensed something was wrong because she stopped and asked me if I was OK. I reluctantly told her the truth about how confused I was and she was incredibly understanding. I wasn't the first 'straight-experimenting' woman she had slept with and we had a long talk about threesomes and the whole gay-fling thing.

"I came to realise that it turned me on to sleep with a woman in the context of a heterosexual relationship — it was a novelty, like anal sex or sex in the shower. And I also get a sexual charge out of having a guy watch me and turning him on as well — maybe it's the exhibitionist in me. Anyway, I found that I find threesomes much more erotic than just me and another woman.

"Since that night I've slept with two other women during threesomes. Both times they were part of couples and I was the other woman.

"I know I'm not gay, I don't even think I'm bisexual, and I would always be honest about my experiences with future boyfriends. I think it's important to keep an open mind about these things and anyway, it's every guy's fantasy, isn't it?"

Kristen, a graphic designer, is 30. She had just become engaged to her boyfriend of six years when was introduced to Angie.

"Robert and I were saving to buy a house together so I had just started working at a friend's photographic gallery on the weekends to earn some extra cash.

"My first day of work passed by pretty uneventfully until mid-afternoon when a photographer came in to finalise the details of her upcoming exhibition. Her name was Angie and she was about my age with shiny blonde hair and green eyes.

"We started talking about art and photography and we were still chatting and laughing more than three hours later when I had to close the gallery. Angie suggested we go next door for a drink and we continued our chat over coffee and cake.

"She didn't make a big thing about being gay; I only realised she was when she

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The Down Under Project

The Australian Bisexual Network proposed the Down Under Project back in October 1993. The aim of the Project was to invite submissions of personal stories, histories, poetry, drawings and the like which would form Australasia's first bisexual anthology. Publication of material received to date was put on hold because it was felt more personal stories were required, lack of time and resources to collate the material and uncertainty over costs of self publishing. ABN is pleased to announce that Cath Lawrence of Sydney has volunteered to fill the position of editor.

Further submissions from bisexual women and men, their partners, parents or siblings who reside or resided in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Norfolk Island, will be accepted up until September/October 1995. Bisexual Groups are also encouraged to submit articles about their formation, history, campaigns or submit photographs from social and political events. We require personal stories from bisexual people that also reflect the diversity of our bisexuality, cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds, relationships, age, acceptance etc. Items can be of any length but large pieces of work may be edited down to a manageable size for publishing. Real or pen names can be used for the published work but so that we can follow up any editing queries your name, and a contact address must be submitted with your work. All authors whose work is accepted for publication will receive a copy of the finished publication.

Material for the Down Under Project should be sent to:-

**Down Under Project
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Queensland
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IT MAY HELP OTHERS.**

STRAIGHT WOMEN, LESBIAN AFFAIRS *from page 114*

referred to a woman called Jenny as her ex. I didn't have conscious sexual thoughts about Angie that afternoon but there was definitely a weird kind of tension between us.

"The following week Robert and I were flat out with plans for our wedding in two months time. Strangely, I often found myself thinking about Angie. Once I even had a fantasy about her during sex; that shocked me a bit. I dismissed my fantasy but I couldn't help wondering when I'd see Angie again.

"A fortnight later, Angie turned up at the gallery. She needed to take her photos to the framers and she didn't have a car so I offered her mine. She agreed, on the condition that she could cook me dinner to say thanks. Subconsciously, I guess I knew something was going to happen that night but Robert was interstate and I didn't want to spend Saturday night alone.

"Over dinner, I became aware that Angie was flirting with me. And I quite liked it. I learnt that she'd been gay since her early twenties and she had recently broken up with a woman; she'd been seeing for a couple of years. I actually found myself feeling jealous at the thought of Angie having a girlfriend.

"After we'd finished a bottle of wine, I knew I couldn't drive home, so the suggestion I sleep over made perfect sense. And as we sat gossiping on the lounge-room floor at 2am, it made perfect sense when Angie leaned over and kissed me gently on the lips. What surprised me was that I kissed her back.

"I can't describe the way Angie made love to me. It was the most tender, erotic experience I had ever had. She was patient and gentle and I was an eager learner. It's true: a woman really does know the best way to turn on another woman. We made love for hours and just when I thought I was exhausted, she'd touch me in a certain way and we'd begin all over again.

"I woke up the next morning with the unmistakable feeling that I was falling in love. I knew I wanted to be with Angie and I knew I wouldn't be satisfied with just a friendship. We nervously discussed what it would mean to embark on a relationship and I was delighted to learn that she felt the same way I did.

"Telling Robert that I was in love with another woman was probably the most painful thing I've ever had to do. We stayed up all night talking and crying but I eventually made him realise that he couldn't change my mind. A week later I moved in with Angie and organised for all my furniture to be put in storage.

"Cancelling the wedding and calling everyone was ghastly. I just told them that Robert and I hadn't worked out and that I'd moved in with a friend until I could sort myself out.

"To my total surprise, adjusting to my new sexuality was no problem. I was delighted with the emotional and physical side of being gay. Suddenly, I had a best girlfriend, a lover and a soul mate all rolled into one.

"Sex continued to be fantastic as I became more adventurous and Angie introduced me to the joy of vibrators and dildos. I discovered that two women sleeping together involved a whole lot more than just oral sex. Sometimes it was really passionate and intense, other times it was slow and gentle.

"What I found more difficult to adjust to was my day-to-day life as a lesbian. The first time someone called me a dyke came as a shock; all I had been doing was walking down the street holding Angie's hand.

"Another time, Angie and I were cuddling in the back of a taxi and the driver pulled over and made us get out. I've always been an affectionate person but I quickly learnt to think twice about touching Angie when we were out together.

"A year later, Angie and I are still together and I'm nearly ready to break the news to my family. I often wonder whether I had been suppressing my sexuality all those years. I don't think so because I had lots of boyfriends and I enjoyed sex with men. I never consciously decided to become gay, I just fell in love." □

From an article on Non-monogamous Relationships in
Australian Women's Forum June '95

Some of you will remember Elaine and
Laurton at this year's Mardi Gras.

For Lily and Elaine,

both bisexual, monogamy denies a fundamental aspect of their sexuality. Lily lives with Sean, but both partners indulge in group and casual sex. Elaine is exclusively heterosexual with Stephen, but has a steady girlfriend and enjoys casual sex with other women. Carl is heterosexual, but believes the ideal to be group marriage.

They all agree that overcoming jealousy and the fear of abandonment was difficult — but not one of them would go back to “monogamous, heterosexual vanilla”.



Elaine, 30 is an independent health worker. She is married and has three children from a previous partner. Elaine has two ongoing relationships — one with her husband, the other with her girlfriend.

Elaine “I’ve been with Stephen for five years and last year we were married. He is my life partner. My girlfriend Laurton and I have been together for three years, but Laurton doesn’t live with us. Stephen is heterosexual, Laurton is exclusively lesbian and I’ve been actively bisexual for years. When I first went out with Stephen, I told him I was bisexual and his response was, ‘So was my last girlfriend!’ At that time, I had a boyfriend. So he knew from the start that he wasn’t the only person I was involved with.

“My negotiation with Stephen clearly says no men. He would be extremely threatened if I had sex with or become emotionally involved with a man. And he’s very concerned that if I fell pregnant, he would get lumbered with someone else’s child. I’m fine about that because men don’t really interest me.

“Laurton and I started out as casual lovers. We met socially, had a discussion about how hard it was to have casual sex with other women and realised the obvious thing to do was to swap phone numbers. I thoroughly

enjoy casual sex, particularly if it can be hassle-free. When I have casual sex, I can construct the other person as I want — the real nature of them doesn’t intrude. I like that.

“The three of us go out to dinner or to a movie and if we’re being affectionate, people look and some ask. Most are curious or even upset by it; often they’re threatened because it challenges everything they’ve understood to be true.

“I’m an incest survivor and sometimes I shut down sexually, which is when non-monogamy becomes very good because it takes the pressure off. I can say no, and know they’re not going to stomp around fuming. I did a five-year

“I thoroughly enjoy hassle-free casual sex. I would never be monogamous again.”

monogamous relationship with the father of my kids, and that nearly killed me — I would never be monogamous again. We were pretending we were everything to each other and the reality was, once things started deteriorating, we were nothing to each other. If you can spread the load out a little, and admit that sometimes they’re not going to want to be friend, confidante and lover, then things get easier. I became able to say ‘I just want to be by myself’, or ‘I want to be with Laurton’, which I couldn’t have done in the previous relationship.

“You have to tackle jealousy, you can’t hope it goes away. Even if it’s not very pleasant at the time, at least you’re not putting it back into your subconscious or ignoring that part of the relationship. What happens when you’re monogamous is you see a gorgeous

person walk by and you wish you could have them. But when you know you could follow through, you watch a gorgeous person walk by, think they’re gorgeous...and leave it at that.”

Sean, a 30-year-old public servant and Lily, a 21-year-old student live together in an inner-city suburb of Sydney. Sean is heterosexual; Lily enjoys sex with men and women. Both participate in group sex, as well as one-on-one sex with others.

Lily “When we first got together, we needed a period of monogamy to establish our relationship. After we’d established trust, non-monogamy seemed the natural thing to do.

“Afterwards, we discuss how things happened — who seduced who and what techniques we used. Did you let him fist you? Did you fist her? What the guy’s cock looked like, whether the woman was easily orgasmic, whether she ejaculated, whether she had responsive nipples... We talk about everything.

“Even if we did meet someone we were more attracted to, nobody could ever offer him the package deal that I

do, and vice versa. Sex alone would never be enough. I doubt it would be possible to find someone more attractive, a better lover, that gave me freedom in a relationship, was my intellectual and academic mentor. We’re so much more of a couple than most people.

“It can be acceptable to do all sorts of things in public, except if someone whips his dick out and tries to poke you with it. We don’t have penetrative sex with a lot of people.

“We ring people up and say, ‘Do you want to come over for an orgy?’ They say, ‘yes’, ‘no’, or ‘shall I bring pizza?’. You’ve got to have a sense of humour to pull this kind of thing off.”

Sean “Our decision was based on wanting to head off problems we’d seen — relationships that were functional and fulfilling, but

Elsine and Carl were both involved in W.A. Bisexual Network
+ Australia's first Bisexual Conference in 92.

dying because of affairs. The way to solve that problem is to bring it inside the relationship. We started by thrashing out a set of rules — that nothing happens without the other knowing about it. And in the majority of occasions it occurs simultaneously. One of the difficulties is if one of us is sitting at home knowing the other is off with someone. You have to co-ordinate, but to make this stuff work you've got to sacrifice certain elements. Most of the time it's planned and calculated — but then half the fun is the deconstruction afterwards.

"To go off with anyone else would be to take a step down. We are incredibly conservative when it comes to choosing people. This is our game and we set the rules. We are quite brutal about letting them know exactly where they stand.

"I had one flash of sexual jealousy at the first group situation we were in. I was watching her have sex with my best friend, who is a fantastic lover. Once you've crossed that line, nothing can threaten the relationship.

"Safe sex is a cast iron rule, especially since the people we play with are very sexually active — the last people in the world you'd have unsafe sex with. A lot of what we do takes place in public, at nightclubs and parties. When we're playing with other people in public, it's often one-sided — we're doing things to them, they're not necessarily doing things to us. I made a woman come in the middle of a nightclub fully clothed, and she didn't touch me. I wasn't getting off on it sexually, I was enjoying giving pleasure to this person."



Carl Turney, 41, is a computer lecturer and founder of the support group Beyond Monogamy. Carl is heterosexual; at present, he is in a "conventional" relationship, but he and his partner are seeking to expand this.

Carl "Beyond Monogamy is a non-profit organisation to let interested individuals and couples know such a lifestyle exists. We refer people to sympathetic doctors, lawyers and marriage counsellors, and we have a small library of books and videos. Also, people searching for individuals or another couple come to the meetings and see people who are interested in the same.

"The relationship I'm in is a dyad (couple), but we've only been together for eight months. We're looking for another partner or couple. The difficulty is that if we meet a couple and take an attraction to them, their response is to run in the opposite direction. It's because what we're suggesting is such a radical idea. Which is very frustrating, especially when so many couples are struggling with monogamy.

"For families that live under one roof

and choose not to sleep together in one big bed, about half work out a roster for how often partners are with each other. In relationships involving group sex, it doesn't occur every night.

"I've learned to discuss issues in a relationship and accept that I may not be able to fully satisfy a partner — more so than people who are conditioned to monogamy. This kind of relationship is more challenging. As difficult as sharing someone you love is, I'd rather be doing that than following the mainstream.

"What happens in triads is the husband feels he's only got half a wife and the boyfriend feels he's only got half a girlfriend. Each one then gets another girlfriend. Then each of the girlfriends looks for another boyfriend. You get this zig-zag effect. Nothing's wrong with it, but then you're indirectly related to someone you've never met.

"It's good to take those zig-zags and turn them into a closed circle. It's nice to know who your competitors are." ■

"I doubt it would be possible to find someone who gave me more freedom. We're so much a couple."

The Relationship Glossary

Monogamy: One-to-one exclusively; often a marriage partner.

Serial Monogamy: One partner at a time, sequential partners.

Triangle: Usually a spouse and a secret "other"; lover and spouse do not meet, and the spouse is not informed about the other.

Duogomy: Having two partners who may or may not know about each other. Sometimes known as a "triad"; the people may or may not live together.

Ménage à trois, quatre etc: Three or four individuals, or two couples, or a couple and one or two others, who share sex with each other, usually in the form of threesomes and foursomes as well as one-to-one sex. May be bisexual.

Swinging: Casual sex, epitomised by the '70s "swinging couple"; practised at organised swing clubs and parties. Swingers don't form relationships or an ongoing interest in their sexual partners.

"Open" relationships: Usually where a couple has an "understanding" that both, or one of them, have outside lovers.

Polyfidelity: A type of polygamy, or group marriage, where a number of people have a firm commitment to each other. May or may not all live together. Sexual coupling is kept exclusively within the "family" and casual sex is not encouraged.

Polygamy: "Traditional" group marriage, usually one man and several wives, as customarily practised in the Islamic and Mormon faiths. Not legal.

Bigamy: A male or female married to more than one partner, who do not know about each other. Sometimes called "poor man's divorce".

Group sex/orgies: People who get together socially in order to have sex with each other. NOT a roomful of couples.

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QueerLit 95 is imminent, to be held SATURDAY 26TH and SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 1995, at THE NSW WRITERS CENTRE, ROZELLE. It is a national, rather than a NSW or Sydney, event: there will again be a strong contingent of interstate participants and writers from a diverse mix of backgrounds. The conference aims to draw upon the experience and knowledge of participants from as many roles in as many aspects of (queer) writing industries as possible, from publishers, cultural commentators, historians, novelists, poets, critics, journalists, reviewers, theorists, short fiction writers, editors, students and readersD both as panellists and discussants.

REGISTRATION: the cost for both days is \$30 (\$15 concession), and includes lunch and two lunches. A new lesbian literary journal, *CLITLIT*, will be launched, and Dean Kiley will be launching his sequence of short stories *AND THAT'S FINAL*, from BlackWattle Press, at the conference. Further inquiries, including offers to present a paper or be included in a panel, to Ian MacNeill on 358 3686. Send Registration monies and contact details to: QueerLit, P O Box 359, GLEBE NSW 2037.

SCIENCE FICTION and FANTASY.

From the Internet.

If you are a reader, like science fiction or fantasy and want to find something with bisexual themes or characters, then here are some titles to look out for. If you buy or have any of these, read them and don't want them, then think of donating them to the Bisexual Community Centre for others to enjoy.

The list is arranged by author, whether science fiction (SF) or fantasy (F), title and comments.

ADAMS, Richard (F)

Maia (bisexual woman portrayed positively; decadent, extremely sexual society).

BANKS, Iain

Culture series: (bisexuality is most common mode; genetically engineered society where sex changing is a relatively easy process; protagonists are relatively straight).

Consider Phlebas

The Player of Games

The Use of Weapons

BAUDINO, Gael (F)

Gossamer Axe (bisexual woman searching for bisexual lover).

Strands of Starlight (bisexual characters in this series).

BEAR, Greg (SF)

The Anvil of Stars (bisexual protagonist, homosexuality).

BRADLEY, Marion Zimmer (SF/F) (bisexuality accepted, women's society with many lesbians, oppressions of women).

Darkover series:

Thendara House

The Forbidden Tower (poly relationships)

The World Wreckers

The Heritage of Hastur

BRITE, Poppy Z. (F)

Lost Souls (vampire book with elements of bisexuality).

CHERRYH, C.J. (SF) (bisexual characters - political handicap).

Cyteen trilogy (only a trilogy in US paperback edition)

Rusalka

Chernevog

Yvgenie

CLARKE, Arthur C. (SF)

Imperial Earth (protagonist is bisexual man - bisexuality norm)

COMFORT, Alex (author of Joy of Sex)

Tetrarch (land of polybi semi-immortals who are forever children just enough past puberty to have sex)

CONSTANTINE, Storm (SF)

Wraeththu series: (humans mutating into hermaphrodites)

The Enchantments of Flesh and Spirit

The Bewitchment of Love and Hate

The Fulfillments of Fate and Desire

The above series was recently published in a one volume edition.

Hermetech (protagonist is bi female; bi males)

Burying the Shadow (bisexuality the norm)

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1995 Lesbian & Gay Pride Festival begins June 11th to July 8th Brisbane, Queensland. Info on events/childcare phone 07-2113350		Bisexual Community Centre commences Winter hours from June 1st to July 30 Mon to Thu 6 to 8pm Wed 3 to 8pm Sat & Sun 2 to 5pm	1	2	3 Bisexual Awareness Melbourne Video/Social Night From 7pm upstairs The Rose Hotel, Fitzroy Phone 03-98770224	4
5	6	7	8	9 Sexuality and Youth Forum 95 Melbourne, Victoria 9 & 10 June (Myke Dobber, ABN Youth Rep from Hobart attending)	10 WinterDaze Dance Party Melbourne, Victoria	11 Options Street Party 4pm, Jambra Carnivale Parade 8pm Options to the Roxy, 34th Queens Birthday Ball The Roxy, Fortitude Valley Brisbane
12 Sydney BI Support Network meeting & workshop 8pm Surry Hills ph Linda 3197017 Queen's Ball Recovery Party Wickham Hotel Fortitude Valley 8am	13 Adelaide Bisexual Collective Planning Meeting 8pm Sabina's house ph 3525715	14	15	16	17 Gold Coast Party Nerang 7:30pm BYO drinks. Phone David 07-55320162 Dave 07-55730344 Dee 07-55274669	18 International Lesbian & Gay Association World Conference Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 18 to 25 th June (Wayne Roberts attending & running workshop on 21st)
19	20	21 ILGA Rio Conference Workshop 5.30-6.45pm Bisexuality: Issues for Lesbian & Gay Movements in the 3rd World run by Wayne Roberts (Australasian Bisexual Network)	22	23 Adelaide Bisexual Collective Dancing Meet at Edinburgh Castle Hotel 9:30pm (non-smoking room) Head off from there. ph Sabina 3525715	24 Brisbane Beats & Shopping Centre Tour meet 1pm at Sportsman Hotel, Spring Hill phone Dermot at QuAC 8441990 Bisexual Caucus at Rio Conference	25 Stonewall Day Carnivale Parade in Rio
26	27	28 Murri AIDS Program Fundraiser Benefit Cabaret Options Nite Club Spring Hill, Brisbane showtimes: 9.30 & 11.45pm \$10 phone Dodie 8916060	29	30 Sex Radical Performance Event (Women Only) Downstairs at Sportsman Hotel Spring Hill, Brisbane 8pm phone 2113350	JULY 1 Brisbane Pride March rally at Roma Street Forum In the City at 11am then march to Musgrave Park South Brisbane for Fair Day 1pm to 5pm	

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10 Queer Collaborations '95 national queer students conference July 10th to 14th Melbourne Cameron 03-93444816	11	12	13	14	15 Gold Coast Party For details phone 07-55320162 07-55730344	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29 ABN / BI Centre Party 16 Annie Street New Farm 7.30pm to Midnight Members \$1; Non-Mem \$5 Free wine, BYO beer/spirits	30
31 International Lesbian & Gay Youth Organisation 12th Annual Youth Conference "Celebrating Diversity" Manchester, England July 31 to Aug 6		Australian Bisexual Network Annual General Meeting Bisexual Community Centre 16 Annie Street New Farm 2pm Sunday August 27 1995 nominations by July 31	UK National Bisexual Conference University of Central England Birmingham, United Kingdom Sept. 1-3 1995	4th International Bisexual Symposium Berlin, Germany May 24-27 1996 ph 0011-49-30-6944651 fax 0015-49-30-2117405 call for papers by Sep 30		

News and Information from the Internet.

1996 May 24-27

4th International Bisexual Symposium, in Berlin, Germany.

CALL FOR PAPERS, WORKSHOPS, PERFORMANCES: The German bisexual network, 'BINE e.V.', invites bisexual people around the world, their partners and friends and anyone favorably disposed towards bisexuality to hand in proposals for academic papers, literary presentations, artistic performances, films, and suggestions for a wide variety of workshop to be held at the 4th Intl. Bi. Conference. The conference's general motto is "Diversity: the Many Faces of Bisexuality." Papers will be grouped under the following headings: Body - Soul - History - Culture - Conflict - Community - Beauty. Conference languages will be German and English. Proposals should be submitted no later than Sept. 30, 1995.

CONTACTS. Address: BINE e.V., Postfach 610214, D-10923 Berlin, Germany. Phone: (From U.S.) 011- 49-30-6944651. Fax: 011-49-30-2117405. Email: gerhard@netmbx.netmbx.de

Majordomo list: Monthly Spouse Support Mailing List announcement May 1995
Announcing the Bisexual/Straight Spouse Support mailing lists.

The Spouse Support Mailing List (SSML) is an Internet mailing list in both standard and digest formats for straight spouses and their bisexual partners who are trying to make their marriages survive and thrive. Membership is moderated and confidential.

SUBSCRIBE:

Send a mail message to

majordomo@texsys.com

The first (not subject) line of the message should be

subscribe spouse-support

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subscribe spouse-support-digest

Subscribers may post anonymously after joining by posting to:

spouse-support-anonymous@texsys.com

Use the following format instead if you are subscribing for a different address from the one you are using to send the request.

subscribe spouse-support otheraddress@my.other.system

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subscribe spouse-support-digest otheraddress@my.other.system

More News and Information from the Internet.

HARPER'S: A GOOD BI

A significant contribution to bisexual visibility has been made by one of the nation's oldest fashion magazines. The June 1995 issue of "Harper's Bazaar" (which has been published since 1867) features two articles on bisexuality.

In the first article, Lynn Darling explores bisexuality as it is focused through the lens of popular culture. Examining the relationship between media images and social values, Darling argues for the recognition of bisexuality as an orientation that is both valid and worthy of validation.

The second article was written by Rachel Cohen, a young bisexual woman.

Cohen offers a personal perspective on the myths, fears and ignorance that bisexuals confront -- in BOTH the heterosexual AND lesbian/gay communities.

In the midst of yet another conservative backlash -- and a presidential campaign marked by the MOST sex-negative rhetoric -- articles such as these are particularly important. These public discussions challenge sexual orthodoxy and provide a forum for the affirmation of sexual freedom and diversity.

** Send supportive feedback to Elizabeth Tilberis, Editor-In-Chief, "Harper's Bazaar," 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

<< 'BABYLON 5' CHARACTER TO GO BI >>

by Rex Wockner

The Talia Winters character on TV's "Babylon 5" will be revealed to be bisexual and likely will have an affair with the Susan Ivanova character, according to the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

"Babylon 5" creator J. Michael Straczynski had previously stated: "We have no intention of avoiding the gay question. We will not, however, do a 'gay story' ... a la 'fags are people too.' The sense I get [from my gay friends] is that they resent the hell out of that kind of patronizing approach. The one suggestion that comes most often is, 'Why not simply introduce a character, we get to know that character over the run of a season, and at some point discover, practically in passing, that this person is bi or gay?' And that's what we're going to do."

ELIGHT: New WWW Gay/Bi/Les Youth E-Magazine 25 May 1995
Come visit the new WWW online e-magazine for and by gay, bi, and lesbian youth....

ELIGHT was first created on America Online and has now moved to Internet!

The format for the e-mag is set up, but M U C H more content is needed to make the e-magazine a success.

Please send your ideas, submissions, or questions to:

elight@youth.org -or-
elight@aol.com

COME VISIT! ---> <http://www.youth.org/elight/>

More News and Information from the Internet.

NGLTF STATEMENT ON PASSAGE OF RHODE ISLAND BILL

State Becomes Ninth in Nation to Ban Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation

Washington, D.C. -- May 20, 1995 -- The Rhode Island Senate last night approved a civil rights measure that would protect state residents from discrimination based on sexual orientation. In a 26-21 vote, the Senate passed the bill previously approved in the state's House of Representatives. Republican Governor Lincoln C. Almond agreed to sign the bill which would make Rhode Island the ninth state to adopt such civil rights protections.

The new law would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations. The eight other states with similar protections are California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

The following statement is attributable to Melinda Paras, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF):

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force commends the state of Rhode Island for recognizing that discrimination against any group is wrong. Rhode Island's action is a step toward protecting all its citizens.

It is encouraging -- even inspiring -- that Rhode Island has passed this measure of fairness while lesbians, gay men and bisexuals in other states are being attacked by divisive campaigns. Right wing groups across the nation are attempting to turn back the clock on civil rights and push lesbian, gay, and bisexual Americans back into the closet through anti-gay ballot measures.

Today's vote sends a signal that Rhode Island prefers to value and respect all its citizens rather than pit one group against another.

The success of local activists in Rhode Island points to the importance of coming out and organizing on the local level. By participating in the democratic process through work with local legislatures and elected officials, we can contribute to creating better communities for everyone.

NGLTF is a leading national civil rights advocacy organization that has supported grassroots organizing since 1973.

Richard J Burke: SF Pride

29 May 1995

San Francisco has changed the pride committee name to--

San Francisco Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Pride Committee,

The Parade and Celebration is June 18, 1995, Please be here to march with the Bay Area Bisexual Network.

This year we need you more than ever.

R. Kevin Hill: A Really Cool New Book for Bi's Wed, 17 May 1995
Marjorie Garber, Vice Versa: Bisexuality and the Eroticism of
Everyday Life. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1995. 608pp.

Check it out.

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4. Post it to ABN, PO Box 490, Lutwyche, Queensland 4030 or leave it with the desk at the Bisexual Centre.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT).

CANBERRA.

BI GUY cute blonde guy early 20's, Canberra, seeks males/females. I am 167cm tall, fit, professional. You 20 to 26 years also fit & attractive & non-scene. Code AC-T1.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SA).

ADELAIDE.

COUPLE bisexual woman 24, straight man 36, seek bisexual woman between 20 & 35 for friendship with view to a permanent relationship. We are not into scene, do not smoke & are social drinkers. Code SA-H1.

ADELAIDE.

BI MALE seeking similar Woman Friend to explore & enjoy life. High trust given and expected.....By a 43 yo male - very mildly bisexual & most comfortable in myself; tall, slim, attractive, well spoken & presentable - healthy, most aware, intelligent, vast interest range, open, unattached, debt free, warm, caring, no dark hang-ups from the past. Code SA-M1.

ADELAIDE.

BI MAN youthful 42 yo from north America, of Italian & German descent, clean, healthy, attractive, educated, non-scene. I am seeking a bi-lady who is seeking a relationship based on honesty and caring, who enjoys sharing herself and enjoys receiving respect from her man. I am Taurus the Bull and only seek compatible people. Children are most welcome as I am a father of two and I enjoy family life. Genuine responses welcome & I will answer all. Code SA-R1.

ADELAIDE.

BI GUY 30 seeks well hung guy 18 to 35 yrs for oral. Photo appreciated but not necessary. Send SSAE. All letters answered. Code SA-F1.

ADELAIDE SOUTHERN SUBURBS.

BISEXUAL WOMAN 32, Straight Male 35, seek bisexual woman 18 - 35 for fun and friendship, long term if suited. Prefer slim, feminine, attractive, any nationality. We are non-smokers, non-scene, healthy and attractive, believe sex should be fun. Code SA-M4.

MODBURY / ADELAIDE.

BI MALE non smoker, clean, sincere 5'7" slim/medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes quiet nights, dinner parties etc, seeks genuine bi male to 40 for friendship possible relationship. I have so much love to give. Please write. Code SA-M2.

NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW).

ALSTONVILLE.

BI WOMAN 21 years seeking a loving caring woman, interested in contacting other caring woman who are overweight. I enjoy outdoor life and looking for a woman from age 21 and over and must like cats. Code NS-S1

BALLINA.

GUY single 30's parent, responsible, easy going, average I guess, feel need to try Bi with right caring gentle persons. Code NS-S2

CENTRAL COAST.

BI WOMAN - STRAIGHT GUY COUPLE attractive, slim active mid 40's, seeking a special female for a sincere supportive friendship / relationship. Would look forward to travel, theatre, bushwalking, beach. Single parent welcome. Code NS-H1.

DENMAN.

BI WOMAN 30ish seeks female letter writers to share intimate experiences. A.L.A. Please write soon, love Shazz. Code NS-T3.

LISMORE.

GORGEOUS BISEXUAL 36, fit & passionate about life, seeking equally spirited & warm-hearted Bisexual(s) for friendship or more. Interests include: intelligent & inspiring conversation, the media, writing, honesty & meditation, genuine connection with people. Looking forward to your reply by mail. Code NS-A1.

SYDNEY EASTERN SUBURBS.

BI WOMAN 36 yo Aust. mother, slightly plump, but happy and attractive, wanting to meet same in my area for discreet meetings. Prefer woman available during early afternoons and Wednesdays. No relationship, new to this life. Code NS-K1.

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SYDNEY.

BI WOMAN attractive, slim bi feminine lady, 30 years old, medium length blond hair, blue eyes. I'm easy going & fun, enjoy movies, the beach, shopping, going out & nights at home. I am seeking a bi/gay female partner with "boyish charms" & a sense of humour or an attractive glam woman. I'm hoping for a loving, caring, sensual, sensitive relationship. A photo would be great. All letters answered. **Code NS-T4.**

SYDNEY.

COUPLE We are a young couple in a long-term committed relationship who wish to meet an attractive Bi girl (any age) for friendship & threesomes. We would be happy to put up any interstate travellers and show you around. **Code NS-M1.**

SYDNEY.

BI GUY 29 yo, average looks, 87 kg, seeks 30+ who is also married too teach inexperienced guy the ways, must be discrete, a mo a plus, first ad, all letters answered. **Code NS-B4.**

SYDNEY.

BI MALE seeking easy going bi (female/male) couple, for correspondence and relationship. I travel regularly inter-state, am married so confidentiality a must. Photo please. **Code NS-T2.**

SYDNEY, NSW to GOLD COAST, QLD.

BI GUY 37yr, traveller seeks similar guy to cruise the night spots to pick up girls - if not we have each other. Enjoys oral. **Code NS-J1.**

TWEED COAST, NSW / GOLD COAST, QLD.

BI COUPLE seeking SAME SEX partners 18 to 43 years. He wants a man. She wants a woman. Threesome a possibility later. We are 30ish, clean, honest. Safe sex a must. **Code NS-M3.**

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QUEENSLAND (QLD).**BRISBANE.**

LADY BI-NOVICE attractive, feminine, sensual, slimish but well endowed, open-minded, adventurous, non-smoker, with my act together and happily single. I enjoy the arts, good food & wine, theatre, most things creative, outdoors, sailing & stimulating company. I seek an experienced bi woman, no objection to straight husband, for hassle free companionship or social outings. Age around 35 to 55. Discretion, safety and sense of humour essential. Phone number please. **ALA.**
Code QD-S10.

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN early 40's wishes to meet slim bi lady who does not mind if a man joins in. **Code QD-J6.**

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN 40, teacher, seeks similar bi or gay woman for friendship, mutual support and understanding. **Code QD-B1.**

BRISBANE.

PROFESSIONAL FEMALE seeks company of Bi woman/lesbian to share own home at Carindale. Prefer responsible, non-smoker who likes dogs. For more details contact Wendy. **Code QD-S16.**

BRISBANE.

BI LADY WANTED by Straight Guy 45 for long term relationship. Must be open minded & adventurous with view to meeting other couples and singles. I will be supportive to the right person and will welcome and answer all responses. **Code QD-S13.**

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN STRAIGHT MAN COUPLE mid 30's wish to meet Bi lady for friendship, social outings and fun. Discretion assured and expected. **Code QD-M6.**

BRISBANE.

BI-GUY attractive, 58kg, 30 yo, slim medium build, would love to meet other guys, crossdressers, trannies, age open and should be smooth bodied. I have been a crossdresser, could try again with anyone will to experience good safe fun. discrete, write with phone number, **ALA.**
Code QD-I2.

BRISBANE / RED HILL.

BI GUY sincere 22 yo bi, attractive, tanned, 172cm, fit, 70kg, smooth skin, straight acting, non-smoker, non-scene, likes travel, movies, swimming seeks similar young man for friendship and safe discrete sex at your place if right. **Code QD-T4.**

BRISBANE / WINDSOR.

BISEXUAL GUY good looks, late 20's, like to try Bisex with couple. I like movies, dining out/in, non-smoker, fit & tanned, anything safe if suited. Your photo & phone no. get mine. Please send detailed letter. **ALA** Trannies okay. **Code QD-D8.**

BRISBANE / SOUTH EAST QLD.

BI GUY 23 yr old seeking Bi/gay guy up to 30 yo for friendship / relationship. I have blue eyes & mousy blond hair, 6ft 1in, with good body as I work out daily. I am seeking a similar guy who preferably has a great build & near to my height, (footballers, bodybuilders, etc I like). A non-smoker & social drinker would be preferred. No drugs or sexual hang-ups please. For a quick reply, a photo and phone number would be nice. (PS If you know anyone who may be interested please pass this ad on to them.) **Code QD-P3.**

BRISBANE NORTH / BAYSIDE.

MATURE BI GUY not very experienced would like to meet Bi couple or Bi guy to further experience. **Code QD-K3.**

BRISBANE.

STRAIGHT GUY tall seeks the company of an attractive female Bi lady 30-40 with or without her partner for social & intimate times. All letters answered please include a photo/ph no. **Code QD-S12.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY single 35, fair hair, blue eyes, 165cm seeks Bi woman for casual relationship and may be more. **Code QD-N2.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY early 40's recently separated seeking companionship of similar person, married or single, complete discretion assured. **Code QD-R18.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY good looking, fit bi guy, 180cm, 75kg, dark hair, well hung seeks bi girl or couple for very safe discreet sexy times. I travel to Townsville & Mackay also. **Code QD-R11.**

BRISBANE.

BI MALE 44 seeks Bi M/F couple. I would like to try crossdressing with an understanding couple. Can be passive when dressed. I am genuine, clean & discrete. Send descriptive letter with phone number. Meet first if necessary. I am size 14 in clothing. Love silk & satin.
Code QD-M11.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY attractive 26 yr old masculine man, slim, athletic build, enjoys the outdoors, motorcycling, dancing wishes to meet other bikers & outrageous Bi women for friendship & enjoying life. **Code QD-P2.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY married, mid 30's straight acting, 178cm tall, 72kg, fair complexion wishes to meet similar situated guy or gay couple. Prefer your place. Discretion given & expected. **Code QD-S8.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 39 slim smooth body seeks bi guy rugged looks hairy body solid build, mo or beard for mutual oral sex. Like cuddling, kissing, aim to please the right man in every way. Phone, address for quick reply. All letters answered. **Code QD-R12.**

BRISBANE.

GUY 40 seeking guys 25 and over, tallish with a sense of humour, working, intelligent. I am 6 ft, 90 kg bearded (for now), hairy and tanned, self employed, independent, relationship considered.
Code QD-W5.

BRISBANE.

BI MALE mid 50's, married, passive when Bi seeks discrete contact with another man in similar situation. **Code QD-J1.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY single 42 yrs. 75kg slim build, wants discrete meetings with Bi Men, Ladies or Couples, mature people only. Discretion assured & expected. Reply with photo/phone number. **Code QD-S2.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 29yo chunky guy average looks seeks guys, girls, transys or couples for fun & friendship & sex if we are suited. All letters answered. Photo & phone if possible. **Code QD-D5.**

BRISBANE.

BI MALE looking for lovers, fun persons for meaningful lasting relationship. I am tall, fit, blue eyed bisexual, post graduate 35 yo guy plus bent habits. I need a beautiful woman who is both tender & tolerant of my sexuality. You may also like sailing, reading, movies, fitness or lots of lovemaking. I also want to meet a guy, should be a stayer who also enjoys being passive occasionally. **Code QD-R17.**

BRISBANE / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI GUY single tall, slim, av looks, good sense of humour would like to meet other slim/medium build bi guys or girls under 35 for friendship, outings, hot sex if we like & possible ongoing relationship. **Code QD-R13.**

CABOOLTURE.

BI WOMAN 25 yo. Looking to meet similar woman for friendship & relationship. I have shoulder length blond hair, blue eyes, 173 cm tall & about 70 kg, easy going down to earth kind of person who enjoys the outdoors, camping on the beach, good parties and also quiet nights at home. Photo would be great & all letters answered. **Code QD-W4.**

CABOOLTURE / NTH. BRISBANE.

BI GUY 35, 168cm, 63kg, fit, easy going, friendly, seeking similar guy for friendship and sex if mutually attracted. Discretion assured & all replies answered. **Code QD-T3.**

CENTRAL QLD.

BI GUY 46 divorced likes fishing, horses, country living, seeks married or single Bi guy for genuine friendship and outings in the country. Sincere people only please. Photo appreciated and phone number for quick reply. **Code QD-D3.**

GOLD COAST / BRISBANE.

GUY 38 years, slim, would like to try safe sex with couple, have never had a Bi experience but willing to try. This is my first ad. Please reply with photo & phone number for quick reply. **Code QD-J3.**

GOLD COAST.

BI WOMAN 24 yo seeking a woman for friendship and possible relationship. I enjoy life, am easy going and like good food, wine and company. **Code QD-D7.**

GOLD COAST.

BI-SENSUAL LADY WANTED I am a 31 yo buxom married Bi lady wishing to meet a very similar lady for very close friendship & outings of all sorts, from raging to romantic dinning and all places in between. I am a private non-groupie type, non-smoker, social drinker, honest & reliable. I am tripping to Melbourne in a few months & would love some company. I enjoy body building, music etc. I am looking for a non fake, non-smoker, down to earth genuine lady who is not afraid to be just the way she is. I have an inground pool & would love to spend many oil rubbed senuous days relaxing & swimming there with the right lady, Summer is now upon us. I adore touching, kissing, hugging, walking hand in hand on the beach appeals to me but then so does go-cart racing. This is a first for me, I'm nervous & anxious & hoping there is a great friend out there just waiting to happen. If you're buxom & real please send a photo & letter. I will answer you with same. P.S. What star sign are you? **Code QD-L7.**

GOLD COAST.

COUPLE Bi lady, straight man, 30's seeking Bi lady in 30's for fun times and friendship. All replies answered, please include photo and phone number if possible. **Code QD-H5.**

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 34 yo, slim likes home life, movies, parties, bush, occasional nightclubs, seeks guy of similar age. **Code QD-O2.**

GOLD COAST.

BI MAN 50 single, want to meet younger couples for friendship or relationship and having good times. Also a good looking young woman or guy, slim and having a happy smiling face. Must be easy going in nature. I am 1.80m tall, black hair, brown complexion with Mediterranean looks, a moustash & weigh 83kg. Photo & phone number would be nice. Discretion assured & expected. See you girls, guys & couples. **Code QD-V1.**

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY very inexperienced in male to male, would like to meet happy, easy going couple for 3 some. I am 38 yo slim, fit, average height, ok looks, broad minded & friendly. Cleanliness & discretion essential. **Code QD-R10.**

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GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 31 yo slim, 5'8", fit & healthy. I'm a sole parent, currently also involved with a woman, (understanding of my needs). I'm seeking other young bi males for friendship. **Code QD-S9.**

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY fit, well built guy early 30's, looking for couple/s to enjoy life. I love surfing, music, outdoors & generally easy going, social drinker, etc. I am clean, safe sex conscious. Enjoy most things. Keen to hear, please include phone number. **Code QD-M9.**

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY slim, attractive 30 year old seeks young transvestite or young couple to 28 years of age for good safe time. Photo appreciated. **Code QD-K1.**

GOLD COAST.

BI INCLINED GUY 39 180cm slim with straight attractive girlfriend looking for nice couple for 3 possibly 4 some. Non-smokers only. Absolutely clean. Total discretion expected. Photo & phone number appreciated. **Code QD-C8.**

GOLD COAST.

BI-SENSUAL COUPLE seek Bi-sensual couple with similar out look on life. We are 31, non fake, nature loving non-smokers, social drinkers, non pushy, fun loving, homely relaxed couple. We enjoy everything from gardening to go-kart racing. Most of all we are honest people interested in a long term relationship. If you fit this ad at all then please don't be shy...drop us a line or ten, perhaps a photo and phone number. We promise to answer your ad the same day. Until then create a great day! **Code QD-L7.**

LOGAN VILLAGE.

BI WOMAN 54yr old attached lady looks forward to meeting a lady for friendship, mental & physical closeness, sense of humour & plenty of laughs together. **Code QD-R15.**

MACKAY & DISTRICTS.

BI GUY married 46 years old, slim, fit, good looking, would like to meet similar bi guy or couple for good safe fun. **Code QD-C7.**

MONTVILLE / SUNSHINE COAST.

COUPLE seek Bi lady between 20 and 40 if you are attractive, homely & lonely & need loving, we are here for you. Wife 37 Asian with body of 18 yo, husband 50 English (could be father figure for you). We live in the Blackall Rangers, peaceful country living, into the arts, painting, sculpture, massage, tarot, i ching, channelling, troilism etc. Living a quiet but happy life 7 we need to share our good life. We are offering you to share our home and us. Wife loves Bi movies & is ready for the real thing. Husband will just go with the flow so please come & help her find herself. We are both fairly fit, non-smokers, very layed back, lots more to offer, photo would be nice & a phone number & start from there. You could come for a few days to see first. **Code QD-C10.**

QLD. & NSW.

BI GUY 37 slim hot & long, longs for loving couple to please. Enjoys male to male sex with wife present, loves massage, oral, foreplay, safe sex, ALA. Code NS-J2.

ROCKHAMPTON.

BI COUPLE 23/33 seek Bi lady, Bi male or couple, any age for fun times, local area only as we can not travel. ALA. Photo & phone number please. Code QD-S14.

ROCKHAMPTON.

BI GUY professional, mid 30's, good body seeks similar guy for meaningful friendship, discretion required and given as I am married to a straight lady. Phone number apprec. Code QD-M13.

ROCKHAMPTON & CENTRAL QLD.

RETIRED BI GENT seeking younger guy for loving caring friendship. No drugs. Sincere guy please. All letters answered. Code QD-H7.

SOUTH EAST QLD.

BI COUPLE 27/29 married couple with young family wish to meet same for outings, smokers & social drinkers, likes are camping, fishing, nudist clubs (on a quiet level), no sex needed, just company of like minded people, attractive slim couple (photo appreciated) Any area in S.E. Queensland. Code QD-B17.

SOUTH EAST QLD.

COUPLE Bi woman 40 yrs, straight husband 43 yrs seeks Bi woman for long term friendship/relationship. We're an easy going fun loving couple who enjoy the outdoor life and all kinds of social outings. Code QD-H4.

SOUTH EAST QLD / NORTHERN NSW.

BI GUY keen photographer interested in taking sensuous clad or nude photographs of other guys, girls, couples, groups, at home, on the beach, in the bush, the street, where ever makes a great shot. If you are interested then drop me a line with phone number so we can have a chat about it first. Code QD-R16.

STRADBROKE ISLAND.

BI GUY 54 yo, 6'2", 100kg, like to meet other guys for safe hot fun times, love giving oral. Age open. I smoke and drink, easy going, sense of humour, clean, genuine, enjoy most things. All letters welcome & answered, phone number nice, discretion assured & expected. Code QD-B16.

**REMEMBER ALWAYS PRACTICE SAFER SEX
NEVER SHARE NEEDLES OR SYRINGES**

TOOWOOMBA.

BI GUY 32 from overseas seeks f/ship or r/ship with Bi female, transvestite & couples. Seeking mutual respect & discretion. All letters welcome & answered, ph number if possible. Code QD-D9.

TOOWOOMBA.

BI GUY 34 married professional seeking Bi couple to explore first time experience, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast or Toowoomba. Discretion assured & expected. Code QD-D2.

TOWNSVILLE / ANYWHERE.

MALE/FEMALE PENPALS WANTED I'm 30 yo guy and would like to meet people who are open minded & understanding people. I am currently serving a sentence. All letters answered. PO Box 5574 MSO, Townsville, QLD 4810.

TOWNSVILLE.

BI GUY 41 yo would like to meet Bi lady for friendship and view to having children. I am slim, fit & healthy, enjoy nude recreation & have a secure career. Code QD-S15.

TOWNSVILLE.

BI GUY 30's slim, attractive, healthy & fit seeks well built attractive, masculine Bi guy for fun and games. I'm married so discretion is essential. I'm relatively inexperienced with guys but keen to experiment with the right guy. If you look good in a pair of speedos then contact me. Code QD-E2.

VICTORIA (VIC).

DIGGERS REST.

COUPLE 22/24 seeking a Bi lady to fulfil wife's dream of F/F/M. Husband is straight. We are easy going, happy couple who love sex & each other. If you're horny include phone number for quick reply as we are waiting. Code VI-N1.

MELBOURNE.

STRAIGHT GUY tall handsome seeks uninhibited attractive Bi Lady for friendship. I will reply quickly and discretely. Photo appreciated & returned. Code VI-B2.

MELBOURNE.

BI GUY I am 6'1", told handsome; athletic build, professional, courteous, romantic seeking Bi female to form couple so that we can have fun times with other Bi couples. I am 48. Also seek similar Bi men for fun sensual sex. Code VI-J2.

MELBOURNE / WINDSOR.

BI GUY straight acting type of dude, seeking a Bi girl, Bi guy or Bi couple for friendship & a relationship. I'm 6' tall, well presented, cleanliness & discretion assured. Easy to get along with & enjoy getting the most & best out of life. All letters answered. Would also like to correspond with anybody from other States. Code VI-J1.

MELBOURNE / S.E. SUBURBS.

BI WOMAN I am married & overweight. I am honest, caring, loving person. I am 5.8 ft tall and need more from life. I'm bored. I am 26 y.o. I would like a female with a great sense of humour & can go with the flow. I am shy until ya get to know me. Prefer a Victorian based woman 34 or younger. ALA Thanks, I do want a lasting thing. No one-nighters. Code VI-H1.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA).

BUNBURY.

BI WOMAN 34 yrs, slim & attractive, married seeks similar Bi woman or couple for friendship & relationship. Discretion assured & expected. ALA. Code WA-S4.

MANDURAH / PERTH.

WHERE do all the Bi men, women & couple disappear to after the age of 55. The straights, gays & lesbians continue on satisfactorily, why can't we? Come on all you 55 plus people, lots of living & loving still left in this bi man, so lets get together. Code WA-D3.

MAYLANDS / PERTH.

BI GUY 44yrs 5'8", fit, healthy, like to try passive role while cross dressed. Average looks, build. Limited experience in this type of sex. Code WA-M3.

PERTH.

BI GIRL/STRAIGHT GUY COUPLE Bi girl 26, straight man 31 seek friendship, relationship with Bi girl. We are an attractive & loving couple and wish to meet a genuine Bi girl to share new experiences & fun times. Discretion assured & expected. Photo please. Code WA-S5.

PERTH.

BI GIRL 25 seeks f.ship + r.ship with lady any age. Couples welcome as a guy would be nice also. Photo please. ALA. Code WA-R5.

PERTH.

BI MAN never too old! 65 yo retired potential bi, slim, clean shaven, fit, active seeks experienced bi guy for intimate friendship, must be slim, clean shaven, preferably married, late 50's to early 60's. Code WA-D4.

PERTH.

BI GUY 37 yrs, reasonable looks/build, active sportsman, steady professional job, enjoys dinner parties, music, relaxing with friends seeks Bi girl/couple for long term friendship/relationship. Non-smoking preferred. Code WA-P3.

PERTH.

BI GUY 35yrs slim build 5'7", fair, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, enjoys most things, good sense of humour, easy going would like to meet Bi woman for honest safe future. ALA. Code WA-M1.

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PERTH.

BI GUY own business, 45yrs, married, 5'7", slimish, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, S.O.H. Into boating (own boat), gym, fishing, BBQ, outdoors, footy & cricket, meeting people. Interested in meeting younger Bi guys, Bi girls, married or single, small build, straight acting, under 5'7" for friendship and possible relationship, possible X-dress ALA. Code WA-B2.

OVER SEAS (OS).

HONG KONG.

BI MALE tall dark bi male would like to meet women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way that brings one to ecstasy. Please write in first instance, thanks. Code OS-K1.

LAE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

BISEXUAL MALE academic, tall, tactile, born Scotland, working in PNG, seeks slim bisexual female for eventual marriage, affectionate and loyal. Interests include sailing, classical music, travel, frequent visitor to Qld. and can accomodate anyone wanting to visit here. Please write to:- Bill, c/- PO Box 2620, Lae, Papua New Guinea.

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PO Box 5079 East Lismore NSW 2480
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PO Box 429 Narrabeen NSW 2101
Sara (02) 2062026

VICTORIA:

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National Biways provides a free personal ad section for ABN members/subscribers. Ads of a bisexual nature will appear for four issues. A fee of \$5 for non-members and non-subscribers will buy a placement for two issues.

N.B. *

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DOs ☺

Please indicate what you like rather than what you dislike, treat people with respect and be honest about yourself.



WRITE YOUR AD IN THE PANEL BELOW (please use separate page for longer ads)

CITY/TOWN				STATE					

I/we am/are WOMAN ☐ MAN ☐ TRANSSEXUAL ☐ COUPLE ☐ (describe)
 BISEXUAL ☐ GAY ☐ STRAIGHT ☐ OTHER ☐ (describe)

seeking WOMAN ☐ MAN ☐ TRANSSEXUAL ☐ COUPLE ☐ (describe)
 BISEXUAL ☐ GAY ☐ STRAIGHT ☐ OTHER ☐ (describe)

SIGNATURE

Please place my personal ad in the next issue of *National Biways*. I am 18 years or older and acknowledge that the publishers reserve the right to edit or reject offensive material or material that suggests illegal activity. I understand that my personal details will be kept strictly confidential by the publishers and not given to any other group, publication or person without my written permission.

☐ I am a non-member and non-subscriber and therefore enclose \$5 for my ad to appear for two issues

Signature: _____

Date: _____



BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE

SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES
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Suburb/town	State/territory	Postcode
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Area code	
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Please post all replies to the address given above yes ☐

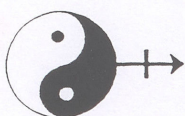
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Please do not post replies.

I will collect ☐

telephone ☐

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AUSTRALIAN BISEXUAL NETWORK

MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTION FORM

MEMBERSHIP

I wish to apply for membership of the Australian Bisexual Network.

Yes ☐

No ☐

I understand membership entitles me to:

- a subscription to *National Biways* the national newsletter of the bisexual network in Australia
- a vote at formal meetings of the Network
- seek endorsement to a position on the Network committee
- other entitlements that may be bestowed upon members

I am already a member/financial member of a regional bisexual network (please name): _____

SUBSCRIPTION ONLY

I wish to only take out a subscription on the national magazine of the bisexual movement in Australia *National Biways* (*Available to Groups and Organisations only*)

Yes ☐

No ☐



SURNAME

GIVEN
NAMES



Suburb/town

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Is discretion needed when contacting you by phone?

Yes ☐

No ☐

PAYMENT

by cheque or money order

MEMBERSHIP (\$20/\$15 concession) \$

SUBSCRIPTION ONLY (\$25 Groups only) \$

DONATION (to help with running costs) \$

TOTAL \$

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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